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## THE C.E.R. DISPUTE ANTICLIMAX.

### NANKING LEADERS SO FAR SILENT.

### CHINESE CONFIRMATION OF MUKDEN SURRENDER.

### ACTION BY POWERS?

Seemingly to offer confirmation of the Moscow Tass Agency announcement of General Chang Hsueh-liang's abject surrender to the Soviet Government, a report reaches us from Chinese sources this morning stating that the Mukden Government is appointing a representative to go to Khabarovsk to discuss details, in accordance with the suggestion of M. Litvinoff.

The message confirms the report that Mukden is prepared, following the recent Russian invasion, to consent to the restoration of the pre-conflict situation on the Chinese Eastern Railway, and to the reinstatement of the former manager and assistant manager.

Nanking Silent.

Meanwhile, no statement of any description bearing on the sensational report has yet been issued by the Nanking Foreign Ministry, though it is taken for granted in foreign circles that the Nanking Government will repudiate such an agreement.

It is understood that the Nanking Foreign Minister on Wednesday instructed the Chinese Minister at Berlin, Mr. Ching Tsou-pin, to suggest to the Soviet Government, through the German Government, that a commission of enquiry be set up for the purpose of enquiring into the recent invasion and to ascertain which of the countries was the aggressor. It is understood that Mr. C. T. Wang proposed a Sino-Soviet Commission with a neutral chairman.

American Approaches.

Washington, Nov. 28. The United States Government has formally approached the British, Japanese, French, Italian and German Governments, with a view to determining what steps may be taken to avert a more serious situation in Manchuria.

Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, has instructed the American diplomatic representatives in the interested capitals to discuss possible concerted action by the six Powers.

Each Power has been asked to make suggestions in connexion with the proposed joint action.

No Concrete Proposal.

It is understood that the Administration in Washington has made no concrete proposal beyond drawing attention to the fact that both Russia and China are signatories to the Kellogg Pact for the renunciation of war.—*Reuter's American Service.*

London, Nov. 28.

A Chinese official source in London denies the report that the Chinese Government has addressed an appeal to the League of Nations in connexion with the dispute with the Soviet Government regarding the Chinese Eastern Railway.—*Reuter.*

A Moscow Denial.

Moscow, Nov. 28.

According to the official Tass Agency, authoritative circles here categorically deny the report by the Kuomin Agency that the Soviet has sent through the German Embassy a Note to the Nanking Government referring the conflict to a third party for settlement.

It is stated that the German Embassy has presented no Note to the Nanking Government.—*Reuter.*

China And The League.

Tokyo, Nov. 28.

The Chinese Minister, speaking to the press after calling on Baron Shidehard, stated that he had sought Japan's aid to lay China's case in the Sino-Soviet dispute before the League.

Referring to a report that America was planning to mediate, the Minister declared he considered mediation impossible, owing to the present attitude of the Soviet. On the other hand, China was prepared (Continued on Page 14.)

## GRIM TRAGEDY IN JAPAN.

### MINISTER TO CHINA TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

### GRIEVED FOR WIFE.

Tokyo, Nov. 29.

The death has occurred, suddenly, of Mr. Sadao Saburi, the Japanese Minister to China.

It is reported that the Minister committed suicide, though the exact details are not yet known. He was found dead at the well-known Fujiya Hotel at Miyazoshita.

Mr. Saburi, who returned to Japan only recently for the purpose of discussing the forthcoming negotiations with China, is known to have been very depressed since the death of his wife three years ago.—*Reuter.*

Later.

It is confirmed that Mr. Saburi shot himself, apparently late last night, on the third anniversary of his wife's death.

The tragedy, however, was not discovered until this morning, when his servants entered his room to call him.

The question of a successor has not yet been discussed, but it is generally considered that Mr. Saburi's death deprives the country of the diplomat best qualified to carry out Baron Shidehard's conciliatory policy towards China.—*Reuter.*

## A SLUMP IN TIN AND TIN SHARES.

### LONDON T.P.A. MEETING NOT SATISFACTORY?

### UNPROMISING RESULT.

London, Nov. 28.

It is understood that at yesterday's meeting of the recently formed Tin Producers Association, a resolution approving the principles of a scheme for the regulation of supplies was unanimously adopted.

The scheme provides, it is stated, for a restriction of supplies by enacting to the requirements of the market and for some form of restriction of output by the producing mines.

The statement, however, was made that next year's production would expand while the prospective increase in American consumption was not assured.

The result of the meeting had been awaited with keen interest in view of statements that the Tin Producers Association represented 90% of the British Empire production of tin, and before the meeting the price of tin and of shares in tin companies had rallied somewhat from their low levels on the prospect of effective steps being taken to put the industry into a healthier position.

The result of the meeting has, however, apparently been somewhat disappointing. Tin itself slumped today over 28 per ton and the tin shares weakened in sympathy.—*British Wireless.*

## THE MAURETANIA COLLISION.

### MOST PASSENGERS UNAWARE OF ACCIDENT.

New York, Nov. 28.

Nearly half the first-class passengers of the Mauretania had gone to bed when the collision, reported earlier, occurred.

Several only learned of the accident when they were awakened in the morning by the shrill cries of New York newsboys selling papers about the liner, yelling "Mauretania in Smash!"—*Reuter's American Service.*

### WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has passed into the Pacific to the east of Japan. Another will probably develop over China. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

## FRESH TROOPS IN CANTON.

### KWANGSI OFFENSIVE STILL HELD UP.

### LOSING ANY CHANCE THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

### SITUATION OBSCURE.

Canton, Nov. 28.

The political situation is still very obscure, though the confidence of the Canton leaders is very definite as well it might be while the Kwangsi rebels hesitate to undertake a serious offensive. Every day's delay favours Canton. Indeed, it is not at all certain that the measures already taken by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to assist in the repulsion of the invaders are not now sufficient for the purpose.

The fresh troops which arrived in Canton yesterday, it is thought from Swatow, have gone into barracks near Sha Ho. The troops coming from Nanking are expected in batches. The first lot should be here to-morrow. The whole of the reinforcements should be available to Canton by Tuesday next week.

Mr. Raids.

Kwangsi must realize the need for urgency, yet there has been no fighting between the rival forces, though Cantonese aeroplanes are carrying out a series of air raids along the West River districts, bombing the Kwangsi troops. They report that these air attacks have been very successful.

In Canton, everything is normal and quiet. Business is going on as usual. Only funds from the interior are not coming in and some delay will occur in the deliveries of sundry South China produce which comes through from Kwangsi, North Kwangtung and the West River districts.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

The Naval Rumour.

The Canton News Agency states that Canton Naval Headquarters are annoyed by the publication in the *Telegraph* of a report from our Wuchow correspondent stating that a sensational rumour had gained currency in Wuchow that a number of the Cantonese warships had "turned their coats" and declared their willingness to join the Kwangsi Expedition.

Admiral Chan Chak states that the entire personnel of the Canton Navy—from officers down to the sailors—is imbued with the revolutionary spirit and a sense of unshakable loyalty to the Central Government.

The report, which was given as a rumour exactly for what it was worth, being received here by wireless from Wuchow, is described as false and mischievous.

Admiral to Inspect.

The Canton News Agency states that Admiral Chan Chak is leaving to-morrow morning on an inspection trip up the West River. He will probably visit Yueh Hsin, above Shihing, where the Cantonese warships are stationed.

It is reported by the Canton News Agency that two boats containing Kwangsi troops were sunk on Tuesday by the Cantonese, over four hundred being drowned. The town of Waichap, on the southern border of Kwangsi, was bombed by Cantonese planes and over 1,000 troops were killed and injured, according to the Canton News Agency.

More Gunboats.

Shanghai, Nov. 28.

Vice-Admiral Chen Shao-kwan, commanding the Second Squadron of the Nanking Navy, arrived here this morning and announced to Press correspondents that the Nanking Naval Department has decided to dispatch five Chinese gunboats attached to the Second Squadron of the Nanking Navy to Canton to assist General Chan Chak in the present turmoil in South China.

## RADIO FACSIMILE TELEGRAPHY.

### REMARKABLE CLAIMS FOR A NEW INVENTION.

### STENODE RADIOTAT.

London, Nov. 28.

The simultaneous publication of great daily newspapers in London, Capetown, Sydney, Montreal and Calcutta, in all the great centres of the Empire, was forecast by Colonel Adrian Simpson, former Deputy Managing Director of Marconi's, presiding at a dinner given by the British Radiostat Corporation in London last night.

The feature of the dinner, which gave rise to the remarkable forecast, was a demonstration of a new wireless invention, the "Stenode Radiostat" system of wireless communication.

The system has been invented by Doctor James Robinson, formerly Chief of the Wireless Research Department of the Royal Air Force.

It is claimed for the invention that it has solved the problem of the existing congestion of the ether, and will enable the operation of practically an unlimited number of non-interfering wireless services.

Colonel Simpson said that thanks to the invention, the realization of cheap, high-speed, facsimile telegraphy, was within sight.—*Reuter.*

## AMERICAN RAILWAY MAGNATE.

### DEATH OF MR. BENJAMIN F. YOAKUM.

New York, Nov. 28.

The death has occurred of Mr. Benjamin F. Yoakum, the well-known American railway magnate. Chairman of the board of directors and chairman of the executive committee of the famous St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad until his death, he spent practically his whole life on railways.

From 1884 to 1892 he was connected with the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway, attaining the position of traffic manager, leaving to join the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway as general manager. He was still connected with this railroad being its President.

His home was at Farmingdale, Long Island.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## FRANCE'S ATTITUDE ON NAVY.

### SOMEWHAT UNCOMPRISING ATTITUDE.

Paris, Nov. 28.

The Report on the Naval Budget for 1930 declares that at the present stage of international negotiations for disarmament, France could not go below the tonnage fixed for her in the naval programme of 1922.

The Report continues that France should maintain *inter alia*, the following principles at the London Conference, namely, the interdependence of armaments, the final decision to be taken at Geneva, and a refusal to consent to the abolition of submarines.—*Reuter.*

## QUESTION OF SIZE OF MOUTH.

### HAWK'S ARGUMENT IN COURT.

In strenuously denying a charge of crying his wares in Nanking Street, a hawk, who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, intimated, on being accused of shouting, that the constable who gave evidence, had a bigger mouth than himself and therefore received more credence.

The defendant on conviction, was cautioned, it being his first breach of the conditions of his licence.—*Reuter.*

## ALARMIST FEARS IN COMMONS.

### FINANCIAL POLICY OF GOVERNMENT.

### MR. SHAW CREATES A SCARE AMONG BONDHOLDERS.

### SIMPLE EXPLANATION.

London, Nov. 28.

Though the committee stage of the Unemployment Insurance Bill, which occupied the House of Commons for a considerable period to-day, did not involve discussion of the revised rates of the doles proposed by the Government, the matter was brought up in a roundabout way at question-time.

During the recent debate on the Bill, strong criticism was directed by Mr. Lloyd George on the ground that the new rates added too great a burden to that already borne by the country. He described the cost of the social services as already involving a crushing weight on industry and trade and warned the Labour extremists that the small concessions they were demanding would inevitably mean the system would break down entirely under the tremendous bill to be met.

Mr. Shaw's Shocker.

Answering Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Tom Shaw, the Secretary of State for War, referred to his mention of the crushing weight of social services and pointed to another important fact regarding the country's burden of taxation, namely, that under Mr. Lloyd George's Government and under every other Government a policy had been pursued which had led the taxpayers of Great Britain into paying at least one million pounds sterling every year since to people who had not the slightest right to it.

During the War, said Mr. Shaw, the Government had money lent to it at inflated rates, and after the war, the Government adopted a financial policy of deflation, and now we were paying interest on inflated money.

Interference Feared.

That was a fact, he said, which had to be faced before this country would be put on its feet again. Mr. Shaw's statements created a great deal of surprise in the House as seeming to indicate a desire on the part of the Government to interfere with the terms on which War Loan Stock was held.

In consequence, a number of questions were asked to-day in the Commons regarding the statement.

Chancellor's Statement.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, replying to questions on the subject, effectively disposed of the alarmist suggestion.

He said that the Government had no intention of varying the contractual obligation entered into with holders of Government securities.

An Example.

It will be recalled that Mr. Snowden recently issued an unlimited five per cent. conversion loan, realising £235,000,000. Five and a half per cent. treasury bonds tendered in exchange were valued at £79,000,000, while a large part of the remainder will be devoted to meeting £130,000,000 of 5½ per cent. stock maturing in May.

The net result of the issue is that the floating debt has been satisfactorily reduced.—*British Wireless.*

## "GRAND OLD MAN" OF GOLF.

### DEATH OCCURS OF MR. JACK MORRIS.

London, Nov. 29.

The death has occurred of Mr. Jack Morris, of Hoylake, at the age of 82 years. The deceased has been recognized as the "Grand Old Man of golf" since the death of Mr. Charles Hunter in 1921.—*Reuter.*

## COAL DISCUSSION RESUMED.

### OWNERS MORE WILLING TO COMPROMISE.

### A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

London, Nov. 28.

There is still a ray of hope in the coal situation. It is learned that there were further discussions between the representatives of the coal-owners and the Board of Trade, with members of the Cabinet Coal Committee.

It is understood that the owners, while adhering to their views, are still prepared to discuss the various questions with the Government and to give what assistance they can.

Following further explanations from the Board of Trade, through Mr. William Graham, the President, in connexion with the Government's plans for marketing coal, the coal-owners and the Cabinet Coal Committee held a joint meeting, at which the negotiations were resumed.

As the whole position depends upon the successful operation of the Marketing Scheme, the situation is regarded as distinctly easier.

The Government hopes to have its Coal Bill ready for instruction within ten days.—*Reuter.*

## THREE MEN AND A REVOLVER.

### BLAME EACH OTHER; THEN ADMIT OFFENCE.

### STERN PUNISHMENT.

It is rather unusual to find three men accuse each other of being concerned in a criminal offence, and then for each to admit playing a part in the crime, but this was the case at the Central Magistracy to-day, when, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, three Chinese were charged with being in possession of firearms without a licence.

It was stated by the police that the first defendant was stopped in Wanchai on October 26th, and discovered with a highly-polished nickel-plated automatic revolver in his possession. When asked how he came to have the weapon, he replied that the second defendant gave it to him. The police then interrogated the second offender, and he admitted that he had the revolver, but received it from another man. The third defendant was then interviewed and he also admitted that he possessed the weapon in the first place.

The result of these admissions was that the police were able to charge all three men.

They pleaded guilty before Mr. Hamilton, who took a serious view of the case, and fined each man \$500 or six months hard labour.

## OPIUM CONFERENCE.

### DELAY PROPOSED BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

Geneva, Nov. 28.

The British Government has proposed a postponement of the Opium Conference which was to have been held this year until the latter half of 1930 or until 1931, pending the receipt of the Report of the Commission enquiring into the control of opium-smoking in the Far East.

The proposal is acceptable to all the signatories to the Geneva Opium Agreement of 1925.—*Reuter.*

## NO DISCUSSION TILL NEXT YEAR.

### EGYPT TREATY AND THE SINGAPORE BASE.

London, Nov. 28.

Neither the proposed treaty with Egypt, nor the Singapore Base issue would be discussed in the House of Commons before 1930. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald told Mr. Stanley Baldwin in answer to a question in Parliament to-day. The Prime Minister added in regard thereto, that the Postage Bill would do neither a national nor a parliamentary duty.—*Reuter.*

## ST. ANDREW'S BALL FEATURES.

### GAY TIME PROMISED TO-NIGHT.

### FIRST EVER TO BE HELD IN KOWLOON.

### FINE DECORATIONS.

For the first time in the history of St. Andrew's Society the annual ball will be held to-night at Kowloon, and not at the City Hall. It is interesting to recall that the Society was constituted in 1881, the first ball under the auspices of the Society being held the following year in the City Hall. Succeeding balls have had the same venue until this year when an interesting and what is certain to prove an acceptable change is to be made.

When the first ball was held in 1882 the pipers were Messrs. McGregor and Hogg. Mr. J. McCallum was in charge of the decorations, assisted by Mr. Milton, butswain of H.M.S. Victor Emanuel. The President, Mr. S. Society at that time was the Hon. Mr. Phineas Ryrie.

Plans for to-night's ball, which promises to be even more successful than the previous functions, have been completed. To-day the following telegram was despatched from the Chieftain to thirty Far Eastern ports: Bombay and Tientsin:

"Scotland gather.—Ferguson, Chieftain."

Busy Workers.

Under the careful observation of Mr. George Duncan, past-master of the decorative art, a band of volunteer helpers have transformed the Peninsula Hotel for to-night's ball.

The work has been in progress for five days. One had only to look into the hotel this morning, and see the volunteers at work to realise the immense effort the transformation has entailed.

What is normally the Roof Garden of the Peninsula has been turned into the main ballroom, and additional dancing space, has been secured by the inclusion of the Rose Room, separated from the Roof Garden by a square annex.

At the head of the main ballroom is the official dais, decorated by the Ferguson Clan Shield. This is done in honour of the President of the Society (Mr. A. H. Ferguson). The arms will be illuminated. The clan shield of the Hills to which the Chieftain's mother belonged and of the McDoualls to which Mrs. A. H. Ferguson belongs are awarded a place of honour and at the bottom of the ballroom, the Macgregor and Macalpine Clan Shields will be displayed. About the sides of the room assorted shields are grouped, and lighted thistles will be placed on all the columns.

Tartan Festoons.

The hall itself will be festooned with clan tartans. The extra ballroom will have the Society crest at the head, with shields carrying the date 1881 and 1929 on each side. Following the plan of the main ballroom, Clan Shields and illuminated thistles will be interspersed about the room.

Sitting accommodation is provided in the spacious corridors, and additional seats will be available between the ballroom pillars, wherein alcoves for sitting out have been provided.

A cloakroom on this floor will be converted into a small quick service bar, the ordinary bar and service room being given over to light refreshments to diners.

The main dining room on the first floor has been entirely taken over for the supper, together with the card room, on the mezzanine floor, balconies and lounge.

In the dining room the official table will be shaped like the letter "E", and the various other tables seating varying numbers of people will be grouped in such a way as to permit of as many people as possible being comfortably accommodated for supper. In this way it is hoped that only two efforts will be necessary.

Lighted Thistles.  
St. Andrew's crest will occupy the most prominent position in the dining room, and a scheme of lighted thistles will be arranged. (Continued on Page 7.)



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## COUNCIL MEETING YESTERDAY.

SEVERAL BILLS READ A FIRST TIME.

### PROTECTING REVENUE.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, four new Bills were read a first time. Two were introduced by the Attorney General.

His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G. presided and others present were:  
The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.).  
The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.).  
The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.).  
The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. M. J. Breen).  
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police).  
Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Retired (Harbour Master).  
Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow.  
Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotevall, C.M.G., LL.D.  
Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.  
Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.  
Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.  
Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.  
Hon. Dr. S. W. T'o, C.B.E., LL.D.

Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

### Rates Raised.

The Colonial Secretary moved "That the percentage on the valuation of tenements payable as rates for tenements in Leichikok, Wong Uk, Cheung Sha Wan and Kowloon Old City shall be 9 per cent as from the date fixed by His Excellency the Governor for the coming into effect of this resolution." He said: The present rates are 7 per cent and they include nothing for the supply of water. The water supply for the Government mains has now been laid on to these places and it is proposed that they shall pay a further rate of 2 per cent, bringing the rates up to 9 per cent. The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the resolution was carried.

### Offensive Trade.

The Colonial Secretary moved "That the By-law made by the Sanitary Board under section 6 (43) (b) and 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on the 29th day of October, 1929, be adopted." He said: Members will find a copy of the By-law in their hands. The only effect of this alteration is to bring the offensive trade of fat boiling actually into the terms of the regulations. Fat boiling has always been regarded as an offensive trade but was included in the words "other noxious or offensive trades" and it has been thought better that it should be specifically mentioned. The Attorney General seconded and the resolution was carried.

### THE STAMP ORDINANCE.

Committee's Recommendation to be Carried Out.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend further the Stamp Ordinance, 1921." He said: The chief object of this Bill is to carry out one of the two recommendations of the Committee which sat recently to consider the amendment of the Stamp Ordinance with a view to the protection of the revenue derived from stamp duties on share transactions. The part of the Bill which deals with that recommendation is clause 6, and put briefly, the effect of that clause will be to make it illegal for any person to demand or receive or pay any dividend on any share the register of which is by law required to be kept in the Colony unless the person receiving the dividend is either registered at the time of receipt or has been registered as a shareholder at some time subsequent to the declaration of the dividend. The object, of course, is to ensure that owners of shares shall get themselves placed on the register at least as often as a dividend is declared. The ulterior objects of that are two, one

to ensure the payment of stamp duty on share transfers and to assist in the protection of cases where shares belong to the estates of deceased persons and so become liable to estate duty. Offenders against this section will be liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or, not exceeding the total amount of the dividend in question, whichever be the greater. Possibly, unregistered owners of shares may still be willing to accept the dividend from the registered owners if they are foolish enough to pass it on to them, but it is hoped that the registered owners will not be so foolish as to pass on dividends to unregistered owners and so incur quite gratuitously and without any benefit to themselves the risk of heavy pecuniary liability.

### Two Exceptions.

There are two cases in which exception has been made. One is the case of Trusts. It is obvious that any shares forming part of Trusts must stand in the name of the Trustee and it is equally obvious the Trustee must be allowed to hand over the dividends to the beneficiaries of the Trust. That exception is made by this new section which it is proposed to insert in the principal Ordinance. It also excepts the case of persons who have bona fide lent money on the security of shares and are entitled by the express written terms of the loan agreement to claim dividends.

I would like to mention that I propose to move, in Committee, a slight amendment to the proposed new sub-section 4 of the new section 26 (a). I am still dealing with clause 6 of the Bill. I propose to move that in the second line of that new sub-section 4 the word "registered" should be deleted and the word "beneficial" inserted. I think that will express more clearly the intention of the Committee. Those members of the Committee with whom I have had the opportunity of discussing the matter have agreed to this proposed alteration. I might say, Sir, that that sub-clause is intended to prevent possible evasion of the main provisions of the section. It will not be possible for the registered owner of a share to sell it right out to someone else and then by some *made fide* Trust agreement bring himself within the Trust exception of the earlier part of the section, because this clause provides that no unregistered beneficial owner of a share shall be entitled, as a beneficiary of a Trust, to pay any dividend of such share to any previous beneficial owner.

The Bill also deals with a number of other minor and technical points in which it has been decided the Stamp Ordinance requires amendment. These points are all dealt with in the "Objects and Reasons" and I think I need not refer to them in detail now. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

### THE LIQUORS ORDINANCE.

New System of Charging and Collecting Duty.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to intoxicating liquors." He said: This Bill, Sir, deals with a great many details and unrelated points, some of which perhaps I ought to refer to now. Possibly the main change which the Bill will introduce is that it will bring in a new system of charging and collecting duty on spirits distilled in the Colony. That point is dealt with by the proposed new section 62 (a) of the Bill. Hon. members will see that the details of this section are very technical and I do not propose to attempt any explanation of them, but, shortly, the system in future will be to collect the duty by reference to the amount of fermentable material used in the distillery in question in the particular duty period in question. It has been found that the present system is unsatisfactory and it is thought that this new system will be very much more satisfactory. The proposed new section 62 (b) which forms the second part of clause 12 introduces a power of distraint for duty payable under the principal Ordinance.

That provision is taken from the English Act of 1880.

### Unusual Power Given.

Clause 21 of the Bill introduces in the new section 87 (a) a power which is perhaps a little unusual but which has a precedent in the Tobacco Ordinance. It is a power to be given to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports and to any revenue officer specifically authorized by him for the purpose of acquiring information on any subjects which it is the duty of the Department to inquire into under the Ordinance, and, of course, the corresponding duty is laid on the person to whom the questions are put. That section has apparently worked satisfactorily in the Tobacco Ordinance for the last thirteen years but the section in this Bill confers in two points a more restricted power than that contained in the Tobacco Ordinance. In the Tobacco Ordinance power is given not only to the Superintendent but to all revenue officers; in this Bill it is given only to the Superintendent and to such revenue officers as the Superintendent may authorize in writing, for the purpose. In the second place—this, I think, is a clear improvement on the section in the Tobacco Ordinance—it is provided that this power shall not extend to the questioning of any person who has been charged under the Ordinance with any offence, or in whose case the Superintendent has decided to prosecute under the Ordinance. So, though this power may perhaps seem unusual, it is based on a power which has existed here in other revenue subjects for the last thirteen years, and these two restrictions now added to it ought, I think, to relieve anyone of any fear that the section might have an injurious effect.

### Liquor in Bond.

Clause 10 of the Bill repeals section 50 of the principal Ordinance. That section of the principal Ordinance deals with the opening of cases in bond for the purpose of export portions of the contents. Such breaking of cases leads to very great difficulties in accounting and it is proposed to alter the present provisions of that section and to enact the new provisions by regulation and not by a section in the Ordinance. If it is found that the new regulation is not satisfactory it can be altered simply by an order of the Governor in Council and will not require a fresh amending Ordinance. It is a matter of detail which, I think, is best dealt with by regulation, partly because it is a matter of detail and partly because the details may require alteration from time to time.

### General Power of Search.

It is difficult, Sir, to know which of the provisions of the Bill to select for comment at this stage. Perhaps I might refer to clause 13. Clause 13 repeals section 70 of the principal Ordinance. That section, which was enacted at a time when import duties were being imposed here for the first time, and when everyone was rather shy of the possible effect of such duties, provided that no search of goods or baggage that should be made unless there was reasonable grounds to suspect that the particular goods or baggage in question contained dutiable liquors. It is obvious, of course, that a power of search, limited in that way, would be of very little use, and I imagine that all over the world the power of search exists without any definite information of the possible existence of dutiable matter in any particular goods or baggage examined. Section 13 repeals that section and gives power to search generally.

I think, Sir, that most of the other provisions of the Bill are matters of principle but of detail which, if any question arises on them, can best be dealt with in the Committee stage of the Bill. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

### THE JESUIT ORDER.

Rev. Father Alves to be First Procurator.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to provide for the

incorporation of the Procurator in Hongkong of the Portuguese Province of the Jesuit Order." He said:

For the reasons which I shall mention later it is now desired that the Procurator in Hongkong of the Portuguese Province of the Jesuit Order shall be incorporated.

The Jesuit Order was founded so long ago as 1540 A.D. and is now a world-wide organization with educational and missionary objects. The Head of the Order is Father Ledochowski, who resides at Rome and it is from there that the operations of the whole Order are directed.

For the purpose of general administration, the Order is divided into units, usually national units, known as "Provinces" or "Assistancies." There is one Province in England, one in Portugal, four in France, five in America and others in various parts of the world. The missionary work in various countries is assigned by the Head Organization to different Provinces. At the present moment the Portuguese Province is the only Province engaged in missionary work in South China, the English Assistancy being engaged in educational work in Hongkong.

### Incorporation Desired.

The main operations of the Portuguese Province are directed from Shu Hing in the province of Kwang Tung where the Portuguese Province maintain a large college. There are several primary schools maintained by them and a number of Churches, residences, and other buildings in South China. Owing to the uncertain conditions in China, and in order to protect the properties belonging to the Portuguese Province and to give the Province a secure base from which to conduct operations, it is desired to incorporate the Procurator of the Province in Hongkong and to acquire for this purpose a procurator from which the work of the Province will be directed and controlled.

With this object in view, the Procurator has agreed to purchase No. 41 Mosque Junction—Sub-section A, Subsection 1 of Section C of Inland Lot No. 348 for use as a procurator.

### First Hongkong Procurator.

It is proposed that the various properties belonging to the Province, which are now vested in individual names, shall be transferred to the Corporation. The Procurator in Hongkong will also manage the financial affairs of the Province and will control the supplies coming through the Colony for the use of the various missions. The Rev. Father Antony Alves will be the first Procurator in Hongkong. The form of the incorporation Ordinance follows in its main lines the forms of other incorporation Ordinances which have been passed from time to time.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

### An Amending Ordinance.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend the Jesuit Order Incorporation Ordinance, 1927." He said:

In 1927 the Procurator in Hongkong of the English Assistancy of the Jesuit Order was incorporated by Ordinance No. 18 of 1927. The Procurator was incorporated as the "Procurator in Hongkong of the Jesuit Order" and the Short Title of the Ordinance was "The Jesuit Order Incorporation Ordinance 1927."

The title of the corporation and the short title of the Ordinance embrace the whole of the Jesuit Order, although it was only the Procurator of the English Assistancy who desired to be incorporated. It was not appreciated then that another Province of the same Order might apply for incorporation in this Colony. Inasmuch as the Procurator of the Portuguese Province of the Jesuit Order now desires to be incorporated in this Colony it has become necessary to amend the Jesuit Order Incorporation Ordinance, 1927, by the insertion in the name of the corporation and in the short title of the Ordinance, of the words "English Assistancy." The Procurator will,

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In future, be known as "The Procurator in Hongkong of the English Assistancy of the Jesuit Order" and the Short Title of the Ordinance will be "The Jesuit Order (English Assistancy) Incorporation Ordinance 1927."

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

The Council adjourned until Thursday next.

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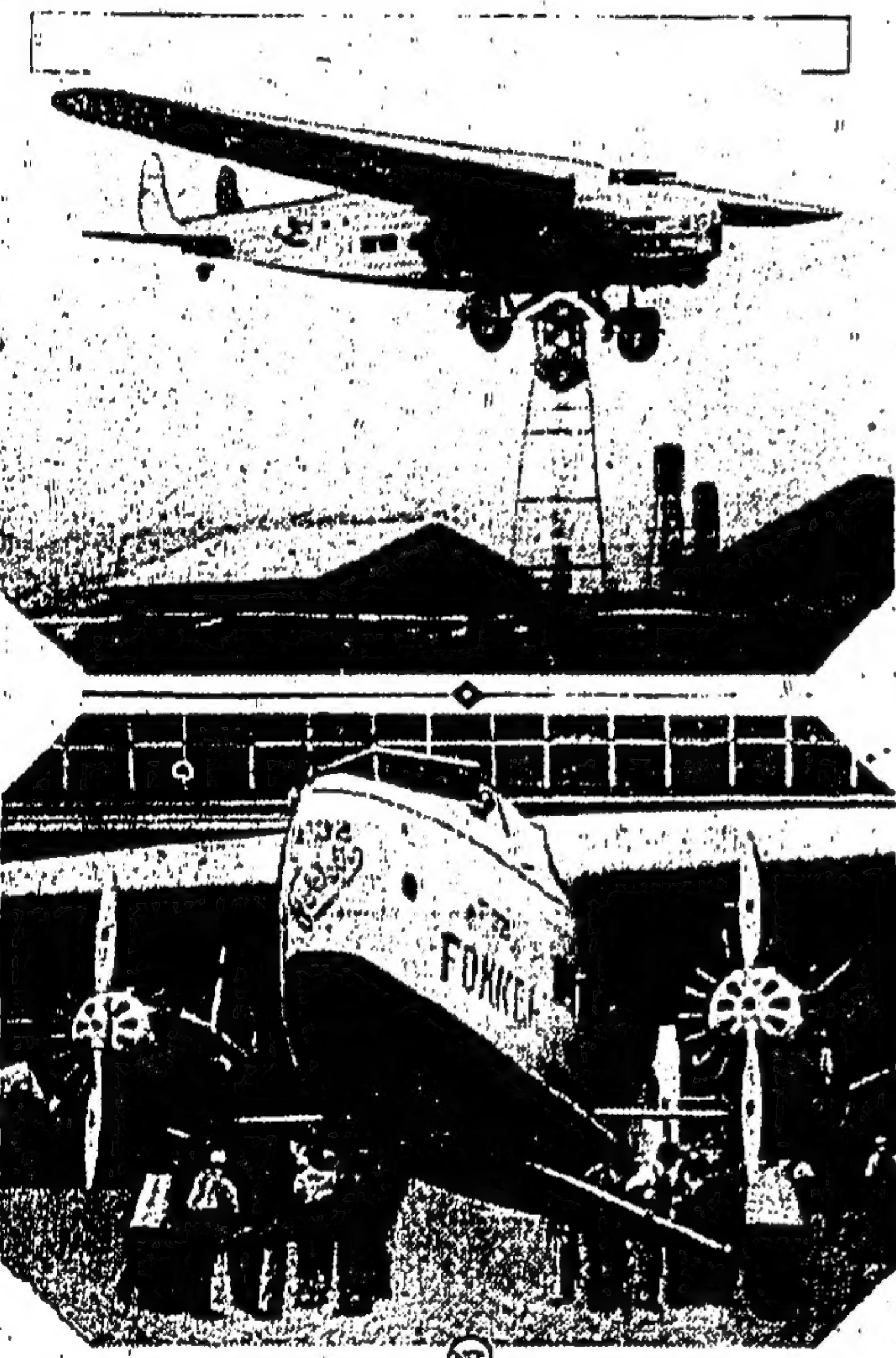
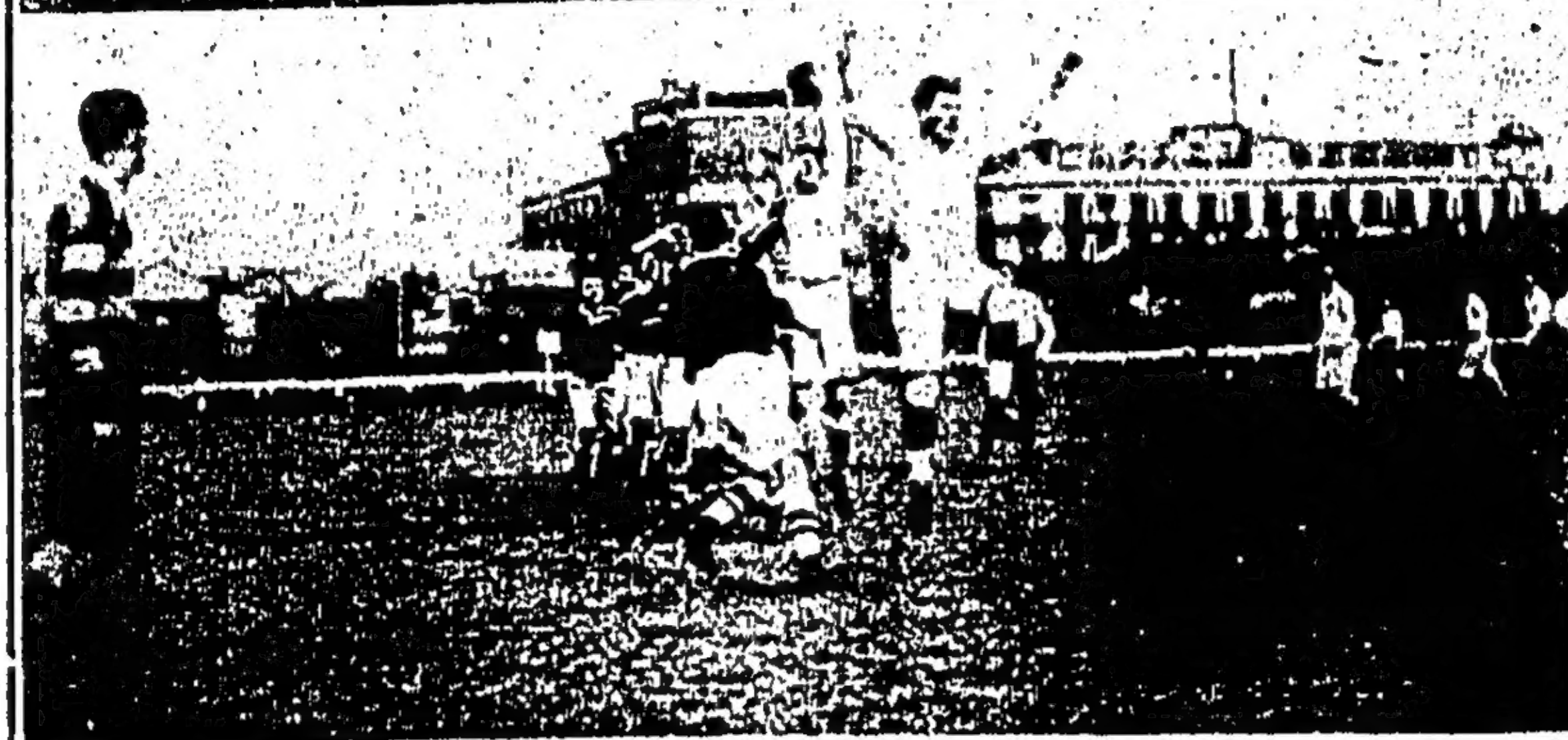




Our picture shows one of the Samoan dancers who are appearing at the Theatre Royal next week. It shows Lei Ijima who shines in jazz and hula-hula dances and Samoan songs.



Top photograph taken in Shanghai shows the "A" rugby football team of the 4th U. S. Marines with Col. C. H. Lyman, commanding officer of the U. S. Marines, in the centre. Middle photo shows the Shanghai "A" team, while players scrambling for the ball after a line-out in the Colours vs. White match can be seen in the lower picture.



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The Dowager Queen Marie of Rumania and her daughter, comely Princess Ileana, are shown above just before going aloft in a seaplane over Lake Constance, Switzerland. The Queen is in the forward cockpit and the Princess behind her.



Group taken after the pretty wedding which took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai recently, when Miss Doris Mary Graybrook, daughter of Mrs. F. H. W. Graybrook, became the wife of Mr. John Vincent Blood-Smyth, son of the late Colonel and Mrs. A. B. V. Blood-Smyth.



Princess Beatrice of Spain is shown above in the middle of a game of tennis at Madrid recently. The Princess and her sister, the Princess Christina, are frequently on the courts at the royal palace at Magdalena.

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### STEEL SHAFTS.

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London, Nov. 23.  
The St. Andrew's Rules of Golf Committee has decided that steel-shafted clubs shall be legal in official competitions.

Steel shafts have had a considerable following in Britain for several years, but have not been permitted in official competition.

The agitation for steel shafts has had a fillip since the Prince of Wales won a competition with this type at Coombe Hill, which subsequently permitted their use.

Many clubs have since followed Coombe Hill's example.

The manufacturers are stated to be able to make shafts for five shillings apiece, and it is expected a complete club will cost 12/6, saving about 5/- over the hickory-shafted ones.—*Reuter.*

### WORLD THEATRE.

WINTER PROGRAMME AS  
FROM SUNDAY.

The World Theatre will revert to its winter programme, that is four performances daily, from December 1st. There will be a full orchestra conducted by M.R. Bakuleinikoff at the 5.15 performance and a Chinese interpreter at the 2.30 and 7.15 shows.

The prices in conformity with the former ones will be:  
2.30 and 5.15.—60 cents, 50 cents, 30 cents.  
7.15 p.m.—80 cents, 60 cents, 30 cents.  
9.15 p.m.—\$1, 60 cents, 30 cents.

## WOMAN'S WORLD

### FOR OUR LADY READERS.



A coat from Vionnet (above) is black and white tweed with trimmer puff cuffs and a novelty shawl collar. It is topped by a little black velvet turban. Agnes fashioned a smart tweed beret (below) of beige and brown shading, with a chic off-the-face movement and fullness on the side.

### That Cave-man Theory.

Of all the surprising theories which have been built up, or have grown up, heaven knows how, about woman and her ways, surely one of the strangest is that about her secret yearning for the cave-man and his methods of subjugation.

Novelists, I believe, who have created heroes of the Sheik order, are largely responsible for this light of romance, which has been made to play upon the man who carries all before him through sheer physical force alone.

But it is somewhat staggering to find a woman, the author of a book about twentieth century British women, remarking that she "cannot help the lurking suspicion that women miss the domination by physical force, which they enjoyed in the time of the cave-man."

Is it not true that to a woman of spirit, the idea of domination of any kind is abhorrent, unless the rule under which she is placed is one of her own choosing?

Even then she will only submit to it happily as long as she considers it fair and just.

But mere physical domination would be an outrage to a woman's pride.

True it is that woman adores strength in man, but it is strength proved in contest with his equals that she admires, not strength used to subjugate those who do not make use of the same weapons.

It is the gentleness of the strong man which really subjugates woman.—H.M. In Exchange.

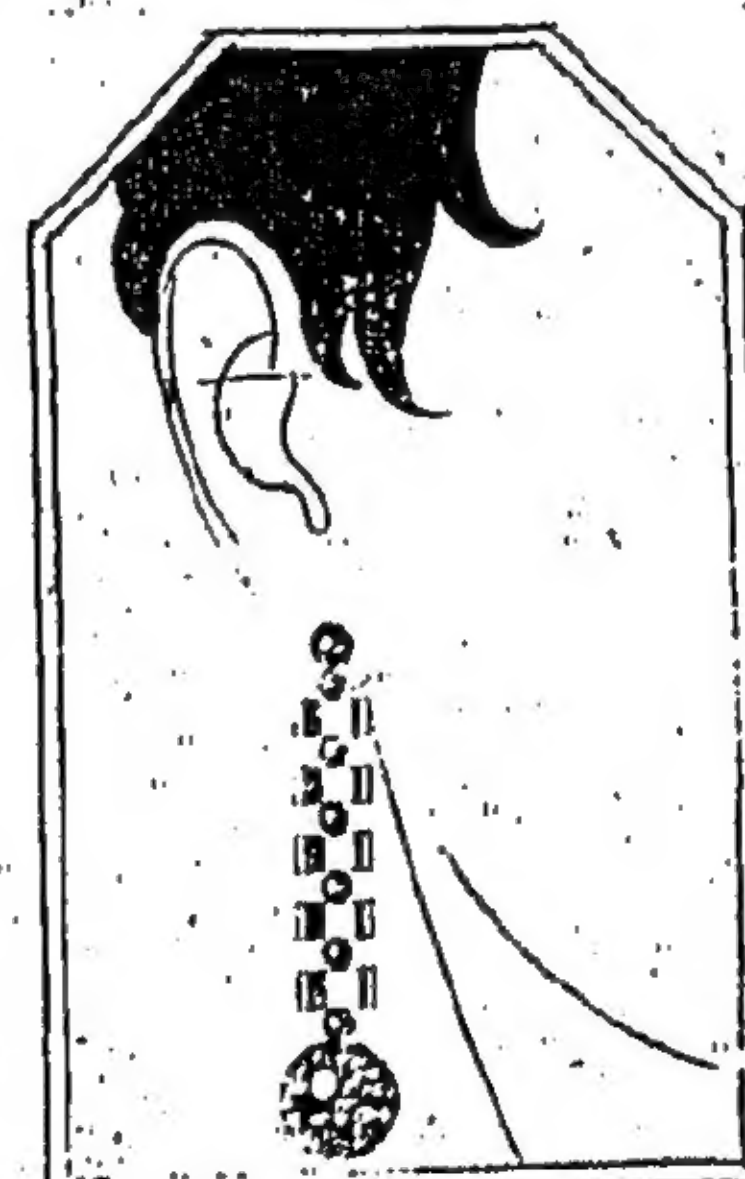
taking more than nine strokes per hole, this scorer is useless.

#### Original Autumn Coat.

"Everything to match" seems to be the slogan for autumn clothes, and this is carried out in some of the new coats, for they have upstanding collars of fur, dyed the same colour as the tweed from which they are made. One example is composed of loosely woven green tweed flecked with black, which has a pointed collar of green moleskin. The finishing touch of smartness is added by a green leather belt, and the narrow green piping round the gauntlet cuffs.

#### Expanding Tennis Bag.

The expanding suitcase have proved so popular that sports bags manufactured on similar lines, are now being sold. The "Revelax" tennis bag is of a dull Air Force blue, and is said to be stronger than fibre and lighter than leather. The "Revelax," which has been specially designed for the use of the male, can also be had in ordinary suitcases and trunks.



Black Onyx beads and silver roundels are used to make this long, modernistic earring to be worn with a black afternoon costume.

### Matters of Interest.

#### FOR THE SMOKER.

An attractive flat case of crushed Morocco leather acts as a combined cigarette case and match box. The matches are fitted into a small pouch at the back of the cigarette case which fastens with a flap in the front, and can be obtained with the owner's initials in a small gold square.

#### Autumn Hats.

Shady felt hats for autumn are now appearing in the shop windows, and most of them are decorative as well as useful. Brightly coloured scarves of silk or crepe-de-Chine are swathed round the crowns, and the same material appears under the wide brims, while the hats themselves are in pastel shades of green, red, or blue.

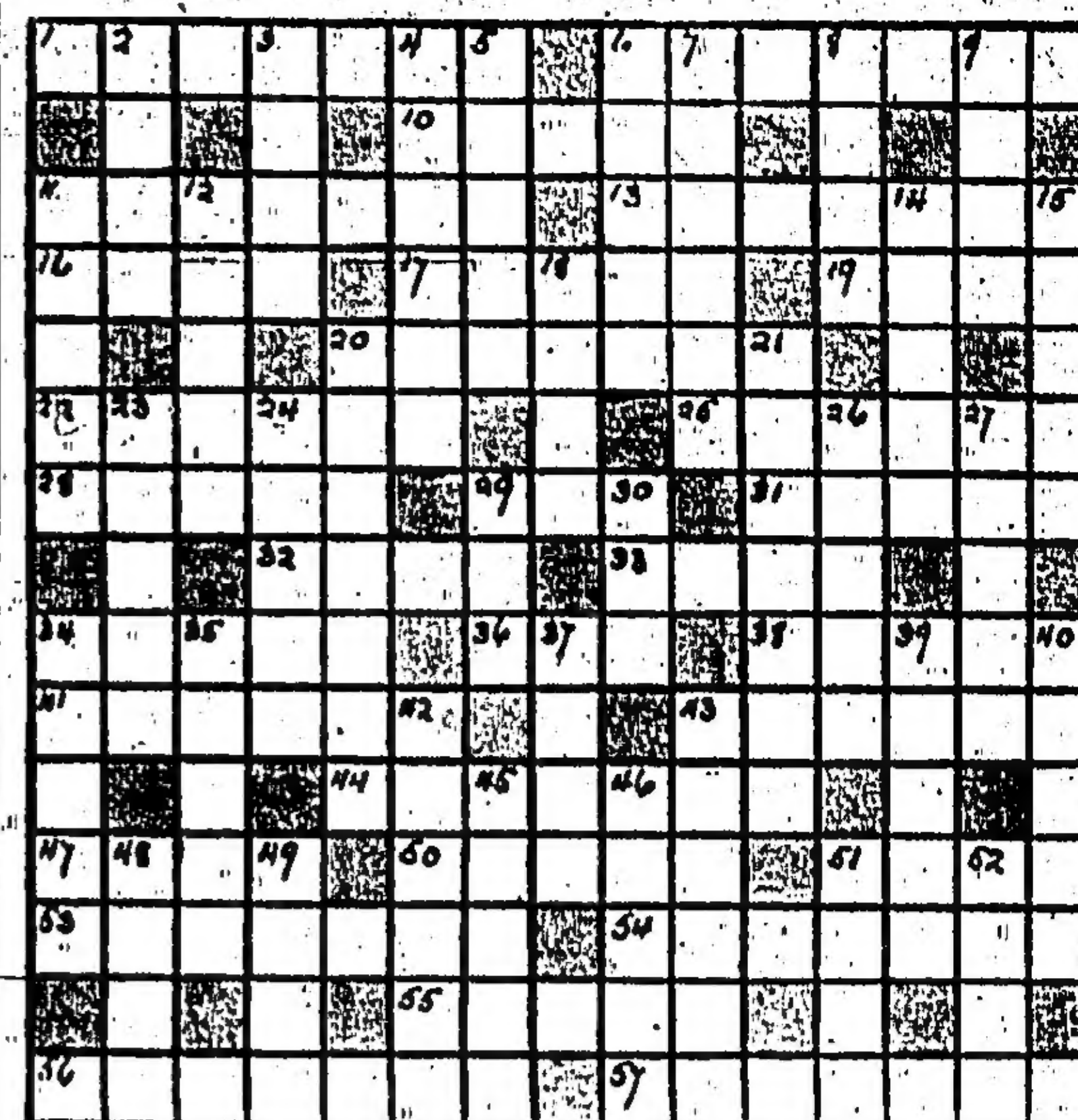
#### Unusual Golf Socks.

The woollen socks which are so popular for tennis and golf have been seen in many different colours and designs, and are now fashioned with small coloured "flashes," reminiscent of the long golf stockings, decorating their sides. Brightly coloured flashes appear on white socks, while the coloured socks have white flashes which hang over the outside of the leg part, and are firmly stitched into position.

#### New Golf Scorer.

A most efficient golf scorer which has just appeared is made in the form of a small book. Each hole is marked by a disc of cellulose numbered up to nine, and all one has to do is to turn the disc to the number which corresponds with the strokes taken. The book is made of pigskin, with the imprint of a golf ball in gold on the cover. Needless to say, for the golfer who makes a habit of

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### CHINESE PICTURES.

#### HOW THE GREAT MASTERS CREATED LANDSCAPES.

Residents of the European Y.M.C.A. and guests had the rare opportunity last night of hearing an authoritative lecture on Chinese Pictorial Art by Mr. Li King-hong, headmaster of the Government Vernacular School. He traced the history of Chinese art from the Manchu Dynasty, in a short and most interesting address.

Mr. Li said that Chinese painting was traditionally classified into three parts: landscape, human figures, and flowers and plants or flowers and birds. He proposed to deal briefly with this subject. Landscape occupied the most important part, though not so accessible to the European mentality as other kinds of painting. It had quite a different system of perspective, which was more carefully observed in pictures representing actual scenes, but could be accidentally ignored in paintings out of imagination. There were many varieties of style in painting trees or mountains. Differences in line shape and in the type of dots and strokes was due to the use of light or dark ink, and these and numerous other differences had led to many divisions and sub-divisions in the schools of landscape painters. Apart, however, from technical skill, what was of fundamental importance was the cultured mind and the broad conception of nature. In order to achieve literary ability,

it was said that a scholar must read ten thousand volumes and travel ten thousand miles. This old Chinese saying meant that a scholar must read and travel extensively before he could produce literary work of value. The same was true of the landscape painter, the most celebrated artists being usually men who had thoroughly studied nature. Being poets of nature, the greatest artists hid themselves in mountain fastnesses and devoted themselves to meditation until they could grasp the soul of the views they were engaged upon.

#### A Flourishing Period.

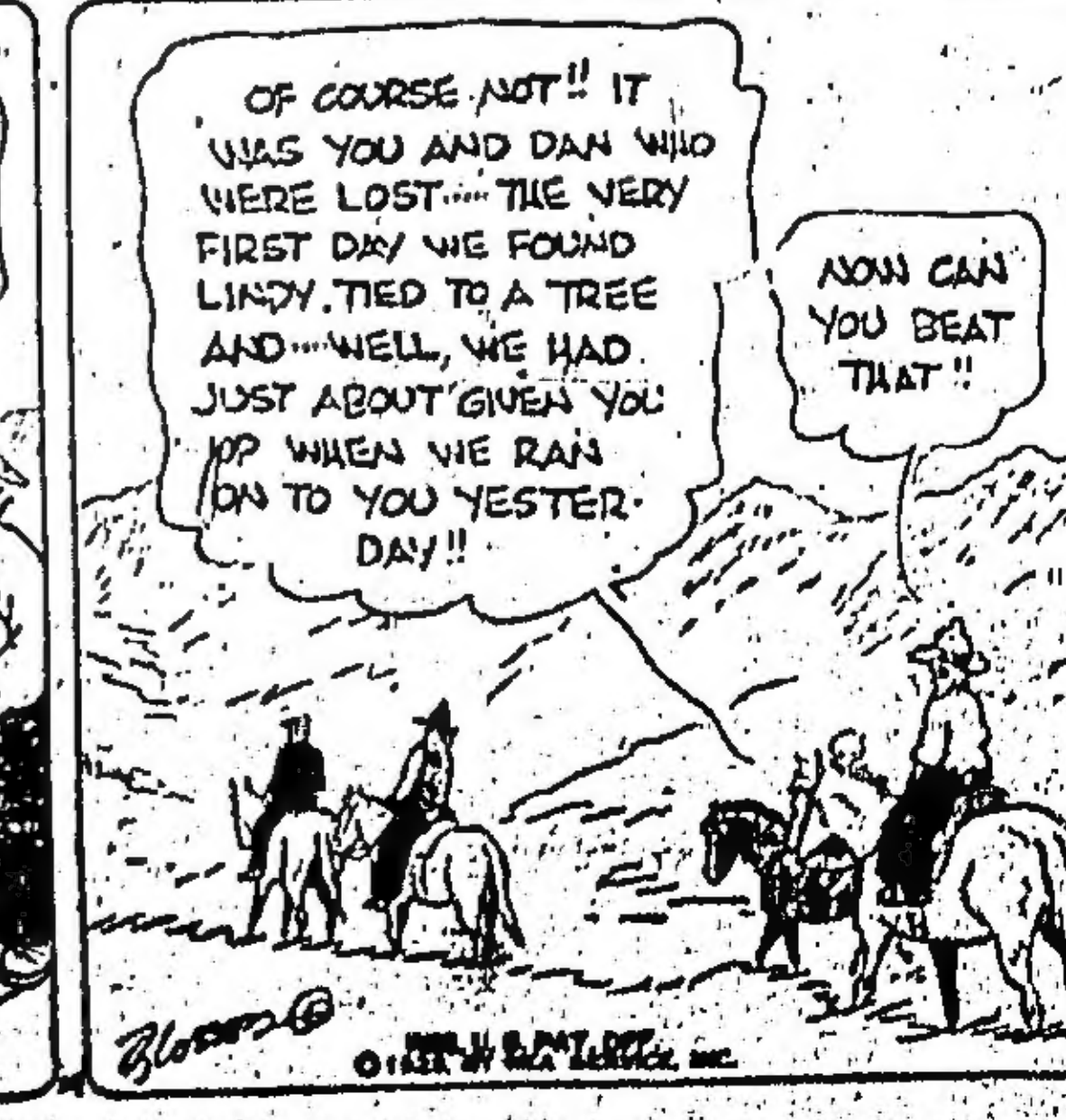
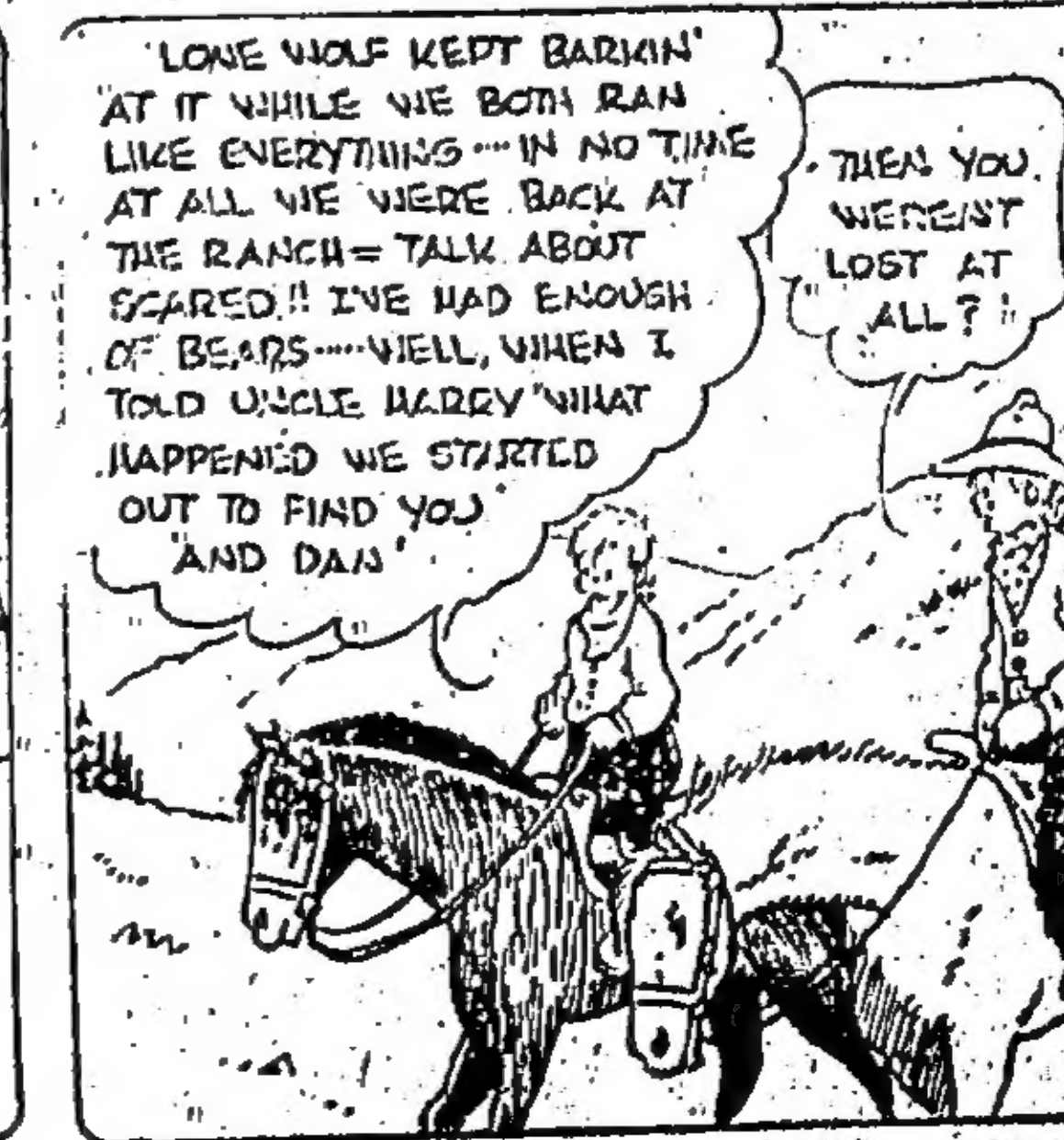
The earlier years of the Manchu dynasty were flourishing times for poetry and pictorial art. During that period, landscape painting was quite predominant.

Mr. Li then described the great works of the four Wangs, whose hands could be distinguished amongst the masters of any period. He deeply regretted that he was unable to produce some of their work for his audience. The Wangs were the chief representatives of the Southern school, which was most prevalent throughout the dynasty.

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Li produced a number of very fine specimens of Chinese art for inspection. Most of the works were of great value and greatly interested the members. The lecturer was the recipient of many warm congratulations, and had to answer scores of eager questions from his grateful audience before he left the building.

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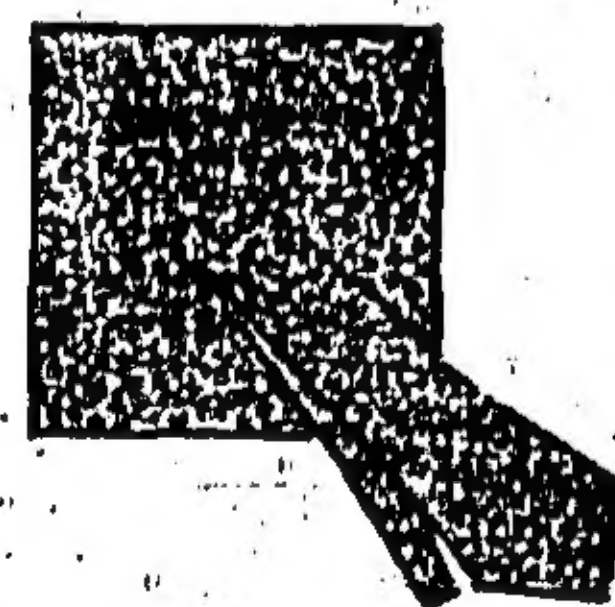
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FRIDAY NOV. 29, 1929.

### FEET OF CLAY?

First astonishment and then bewilderment are engendered by the report of Chang Hsueh-liang's pusillanimous surrender to Moscow, and finally it becomes obvious that a matter of such grave moment will not be allowed to fizzle out in such a grisly anti-climax. The young Manchurian leader, faced with alarming reports of Soviet terrorism and ruthlessness, and knowing well that he could not look to Nanking for assistance in the hour of crisis, may be forgiven much except the collapse of his morale. And yet it is impossible to believe that any factor other than sheer panic could have dictated the terms of settlement which, according to an official Soviet source, he voluntarily offered to the Foreign Commissariat at Moscow, ceding completely to the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum of July last, involving the restoration of the pre-dispute situation on the Chinese Eastern Railway, even to the reinstatement of the Soviet manager and assistant-manager. The propagandist activities of these particular individuals was the pretext on which the Manchurian authorities chose the high-handed step of seizing control of the Railway, an action which introduced the six-months' struggle which has given such grave concern to the whole world. The wrongs and rights of that particular action are not our concern to-day. China adopted a course not wholly approved in foreign circles, but at least definite. Both the Mukden and Nanking Governments declared their determination to hold the Railway whatever the cost, and as the deadlock dragged on, it seemed that they were in a strong enough position to carry out that intention. A week of real warfare has sufficed to break the spirit of the Mukden leaders. But this cannot be the end. Nanking's reaction is not difficult to predict. The terms under which Chang Hsueh-liang has bought off, or hopes to buy off, Soviet aggression, mean complete humiliation for China. No other interpretation is possible. Nanking will, of course, vigorously repudiate the Mukden offer. The position should therefore, revert to deadlock and defiance of Moscow; actually, it is possible the sequel may depend upon Nanking's power in Mukden. When all is said and done, the National Government's interest in the well-being of the Chinese Eastern Railway is extremely shadowy, while, safe in Central China, the

Nanking leaders have no special reason to get seriously alarmed at the prospect of further examples of dubious 'issue-forcing' methods by Red troops. Nevertheless, unless Dr. C. T. Wang and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek are prepared to eat their high-sounding words of a few months ago, they have no option but to indicate immediately and emphatically their refusal to acquiesce in the abject surrender apparently contemplated by Chang Hsueh-liang.

Perhaps the queerest feature of the affair is the fact that Mukden chose to sing small at a time when the great Powers, Britain, the United States, France, Italy and Japan were contemplating joint action to prevent the very thing most feared. China's appeal to the League of Nations was a matter of time; Nanking had already been in anxious communication with the signatories to the Kellogg Pact, not without encouragement. The plight of Manchuria impressed itself no less deeply upon the Powers than upon the Mukden leaders, though in an entirely different way. But the champions of peace are helpless in the present situation. Seemingly, peace obtained under duress, perhaps, and degrading to China, has been re-established and the need for action has automatically disappeared. We are, of course, perfectly prepared for a complete denial by Chang Hsueh-liang that he entered into this "bargain." The mere report of the interview at Tokyo between Baron Shidehara and Mr. Neville should be sufficient to instil in him a desire to "save face." Moscow's officially sanctioned announcement will possibly be characterised as a crude jest. At the time that announcement was made, however, it bore every air of genuineness. For days past, it has been persistently reported that Chang Hsueh-liang was tired of waiting for C. T. Wang to end the dispute and was preparing to take the initiative. Denials that he had appointed Dr. Wellington Koo to negotiate were qualified by hints that the near future might see the taking of this step. Meanwhile, the Chinese defences in the Manchurian region had crumbled before the Soviet invaders and the immediate prospect in view was the capture of Harbin by the Soviet. In such circumstances, there is strong reason to believe, the young Manchurian leader swallowed his dignity, pride and high notions of browbeating the Soviet and surrendered, for his part, the position so stoutly maintained for the past six months. Circumstantial evidence is contained in the fact of the withdrawal of the Soviet troops to the border. It is clear that the attack was launched expressly to hasten a settlement. If Moscow had merely issued a fabricated report in order to discredit Chang Hsueh-liang as may be argued, would they have proceeded to this length? It is scarcely conceivable, since it would be tantamount to throwing away the only good cards they hold. The future is fraught with grave dangers. The alleged settlement is certain to be repudiated. It oversteps the limits of what any Government may fairly regard as permissible even to relieve pressure. If it is allowed to go through, the Russians will walk in arrogantly and indulge in their old tricks along the railway with impunity. The National Government's next steps will be of vital importance. The future history of their country may be at stake. Their aims can be achieved without war, but not without courage, resoluteness and vigour.

### Hongkong and the Base.

Once again the Singapore Naval Base has figured prominently in Parliamentary discussions, with the result that the attitude of the Home Government has been made distinctly clearer. The First Lord of the Admiralty has assured questioners that no orders for material have been cancelled owing to the decision to slow down work on the Base, although the suspension of some items of

### DAY BY DAY.

TRUE LIBERTY CONSISTS IN THE PRIVILEGE OF ENJOYING OUR OWN RIGHTS, NOT IN THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.—Pinehard.

The Wah Yan College is holding its tenth anniversary dinner in the Hall of the College on Monday, December 16th, at 7.30 p.m.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council held yesterday, supplementary expenditure amounting to \$2,338 was approved.

On the departure of Mr. F. S. Harrison from Hongkong shortly, Mr. R. H. Wild will assume charge of the local branch of the South British Insurance Company.

The Inspecting Ordnance Officer, Hongkong, will fire a quantity of rockets, lights, etc., for proof purposes at Stonecutters Island this afternoon, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

Cinema patrons and music-lovers will be pleased to learn that the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., has arranged for the engagement of another well-known musician, Serge Stupin, the Russian virtuoso cellist.

On being charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with being in possession of 5.5 mace of prepared opium, a Chinese living at Apilu Street, Shamshuipo was fined \$14 or one month's hard labour in default.

Five Chinese, two men, a woman and two boys, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of kidnapping a five-year-old boy from his parents in the Shamshuipo District. The defendants were all remanded till Monday for further enquiries.

Twenty-four Chinese faced Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, two charged with keeping a common gaming house, and the others charged with gambling in an unnumbered hut at Cheung Sha Wan. The keepers were each fined \$50 while the others were fined \$3 each. A twenty-fifth man who was arrested, failed to appear and had his bail of \$5 forfeited. A sum of \$18.93, which was picked up, was confiscated.

At the monthly meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, the Secretary, Mr. Chan Heung-pak, read a letter from a Chinese firm suggesting that the Chamber of Commerce should request the Chinese firms to adopt the Gregorian instead of the lunar calendar. The Secretary pointed out that it was an impossibility, considering that the majority of the trade here is done with Chinese firms in Canton, who all use the lunar calendar, and unless the Cantonese decide on a change the Hongkong Chinese will have to adhere to the lunar calendar particularly in view of the annual settlements of debts at the end of every Chinese year.

work will result in certain orders not to be placed for the present. Whilst we regret the policy of the Government in this matter, belooking (as we suggested at the time the decision was reached) a failure to take the large view, nothing is to be gained by attempting to read into that policy a decision to abandon the whole project. That, we think, is not by any means the intention of the Government. Indeed, Mr. Ramsey MacDonald has given a definite assurance that there shall be no change of policy without full agreement being reached between the Imperial, Dominion and Colonial Governments concerned. So far as Hongkong's grant is concerned, no conditions were attached to it, except the implied condition that the money was to be spent on the development of the Base. Moreover, if we understand Mr. Alexander's latest statement, our contribution has already been spent. As will be recalled, the money represented the profits from the war-time Shipping Control scheme, concerning the disposition of which the Government at the time was a trifle uneasy. Indeed, critics of the Government have gone so far as to assert that that money was obtained, if not illegally, then quite unconstitutionally. Be that as it may, there was no question of Hongkong citizens, in an outburst of loyalty, coming forward and subscribing the funds; nor was it even a case of the money being derived from the ordinary revenues of the Colony. In effect, the contribution came from the pockets of shipowners, who disputed the right of the Government either to keep the money itself or to give it to the Imperial Government for the purposes of the Singapore Base. In the circumstances, therefore, it seems to us that the least said about Hongkong's contribution, the better.

### THE CYCLE-RIDING NUISANCE.

#### MAGISTRATE ORDERS LAD A CANING.

That he meant to do everything in his power as a magistrate to stop Chinese lads riding bicycles about the Colony at night-time without a light, was strongly emphasised by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a boy appeared before him on a charge of riding a cycle without a light.

The defendant's master was present in the Court and asked the magistrate if he would consider fining the lad instead of ordering a caning, as the later punishment.

### THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Pictorial Features for  
To-morrow.

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will again contain a fine series of topical pictures.

A feature will be the large number of photographs of the Interport tennis contests between Hongkong and Shanghai, in which all the players who took part will be seen.

Other pictures will include some good snapshots taken of the steeplechasing at Kwant on Sunday, a group taken at the wedding of Mr. Bishop and Miss Hansen, and another at the wedding of Mr. F. M. Garcia and Miss Maria Noronha. There will also be some interior views of the new N.Y.K. liner Asama Maru, due here next week, and a picture of H. E. the Governor at the opening of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital.

Of more than ordinary interest will be a series of pictures showing some of the beautiful stone Buddhas which have survived for 14 centuries in a cliff at Tatung-fu, in North Shansi, over 90 of which have recently been defaced by vandal soldiers and corrupt officials.

would probably stop him from doing any work for some time.

Mr. Hamilton, in refusing this request, said: "I am not going to have it. These young fellows have to remember that they can't ride about the streets without lights. I am going to stop this bicycle-riding some way or other; that is why I am going to have him beaten. It will not hurt him, and he will be ready for work two minutes later."

The defendant was ordered six strokes of the cane.

### 21 YEARS AGO.

#### SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for week ended November 23th, 1908:

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 9. 5/16d.

Amongst residents joining the Volunteer Corps were Mr. J. H. Buckhouse and Mr. J. Kynoch.

Mr. A. E. Wood was appointed to act as Assistant Registrar General (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

A man-eating tiger was reported, in a news item from Canton, as being seen in the neighbourhood of Lin Tong. It attacked a man and his wife, and both later succumbed to their injuries.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Nov. 28
Paris	123.85%
Brussels	34.87
Amsterdam	12.00
Berlin	20.30
Copenhagen	18.19%
Vienna	34.07
Helsingfors	104%
Lisbon	108%
Bucharest	817
Buenos Aires	46 5/16
Shanghai	2/2
Yokohama	20 1/10
New York	4.87 27/32
Genoa	25.13
Milan	98.17%
Stockholm	18.13
Oslo	18.20%
Prague	104%
Madrid	35.02%
Athens	875
Rio	5 25/32
Bombay	1/5 27/32
Hong Kong	1/8%
Silver (spot)	22%
Silver (forward)	22%

—British Wireless.

## The Very Idea!

"Two good friends," Dr. Arthur Price Evelyn O'Leary and Audina Gwladys O'Leary, of Yateley Lodge, Yateley, Hants; benefit to the extent of £20,000 from the will of a London man, Mr. Matthew Robert Quin, of Milborne Grove, The Boltons, West Brompton.

His two "good friends" also inherit Mr. Quin's residence and effects.

Mr. Quin, who formerly lived in Calcutta, left over £34,000. The will provides that if one of the two beneficiaries is dead the whole of the bequest goes to the survivor.

(Women who acquired the fashionable tan complexion during the summer are being bleached by beauty specialists.)

When we strayed beside the sea,  
You and I together,  
You rejoiced most fervently  
In the tropic weather.  
You were anxious for the boon  
Of a brown complexion;  
Salt and sun together soon  
Tanned you to perfection.

Just a little artful aid  
And your lips grew ruddy,  
Red and brown together made  
Quite a charming study.  
But those summer days are past,  
Autumn has succeeded,  
And your sunburn seems to last  
Longer than is needed.

Paler cheeks, the fashion teach,  
Go with evening dresses,  
So your face you needs must  
bleach.

With your magic moose,  
Thus an aspect new you bring,  
But I am afraid you  
Are not quite the lovely thing  
Sun and sea had made you.

Scout-master—"Now, suppose you found yourself suddenly in flames, what would you do?"  
Scout—"Keep cool, sir!"

Woman at Thames Court—My husband will not work. Mr. Cairns, Magistrate—A beneficent Providence and a kindly State provide that he need not.

Judge Thompson, K.C., at Bow County Court—How old is this injured child? Mr. Silken—Twenty-one next February.

Defendant at Clerkenwell County Court—This is becoming a mud-slinging contest. Cross-examining counsel—I am sure that if I engaged in a contest of that sort with you I should lose.

Mr. Justice Avory, to a witness in the King's Bench Division—Every seat in this Court creaks, and every board too, apparently. It is impossible to hear what you say unless you speak louder than the seats creak.

It was the young barrister's first case, and he was bubbling over with pride and enthusiasm as he stood in court.

"Now," said he, addressing the defendant, "you say you came to town to look for work. I put it to you there was another, a stronger motive that brought you all this distance."

"Well," hesitated the defendant, "there was—"

"Ah!" cried the barrister, triumphantly. "And what was it?"  
"A locomotive."

This a story of the future.  
First Lord of Admiralty:  
Where's the Army?  
Second Lord of Same: He's out rowing in the Navy.

### WHO WAS..... FLORIMEL?

The hand of Florimel the Fair was sought by these gallant knights, Sir Satyrane, Sir Perilure, and Sir Calidore, but to none of their vows did she listen with favour, being very deeply in love with Sir Marinel, who did not return her passion.

A report having reached the Court of the Fairy Queen, where Florimel attended, that Marinel had been slain, the maiden set forth to ascertain the truth of the rumour, but she was caught by Porteus, the sea god, and imprisoned in a dungeon, "deep" in the bottom of a huge great rock.

One day, Marinel was invited to attend a banquet given by Porteus, and wandering about the halls of the ocean he heard the lamentations of Florimel bewailing the lot that had befallen her for his sake, and being moved to pity, he secured the maiden's release and married her.

Florimel wore a famous golden girdle, once the property of Venus, which had the magic peculiarity of allowing itself to be worn only by pure women. Placed around the waist of an unchaste person it would immediately tear itself asunder.

You will read all about Florimel and her girdle in Spenser's "Fairy Queen."



## H.E. WELCOMED BY MALAYA.

### PRESS COMMENTS ON APPOINTMENT.

### GOODWILL OF COMMUNITY ASSURED.

### ONE DIFFICULT TASK.

The *Straits Times*, commenting on the appointment of Sir Cecil Clementi as Governor of the Straits Settlements, says Malaya itself does not present any special problems to an experienced administrator, but no man who follows a Governor of Sir Hugh Clifford's charm and tact is likely to find ahead of him an easy path to such a degree of affection as was accorded to his predecessor.

After referring to His Excellency's University honours, the journal proceeds: "In later years Sir Cecil has become a Synagogue of world-wide repute, a recognized authority on the Cantonese and Pekingese dialects who has travelled extensively in the interior of China, traversing wild stretches of country where no other European has ever been."

#### Favoured by Chinese.

"On these grounds alone his appointment should find favour with the Chinese community and his popularity among the Ceylonese during his term of office as Colonial Secretary, Ceylon, is evidence of the fact that his interest in Asiatic peoples is not confined to one race alone. Indeed, during his four years at Colombo he displayed that intense desire to penetrate the inner minds of the indigenous population that had characterized his previous service in China. Among other things, he was responsible for the inception of a movement to compile a comprehensive dictionary covering the origin and development of the Sinhalese language, a work which is now in progress."

"Lady Clementi met little less widely-travelled than her husband and has accompanied him on several of his journeys into the remotest parts of China. She earned the distinction, while Sir Cecil was administering the Government of British Guiana, of being the first woman to climb Mount Roraima which is the highest point in the Colony, rising to a height of 8,625 feet."

"During their service in Ceylon they were known as a retiring couple, displaying no pronounced interest in the social life of the island. Sir Cecil had made friends in the various learned societies and was a frequent visitor to the meetings of the Ceylon branch of the Royal Asiatic Society and similar bodies."

#### The Path to Government House.

The appointment provides one more instance of the interchange of senior officials between Ceylon, Malaya and Hongkong. Sir Hugh Clifford was a former Colonial Secretary and Governor of Ceylon; Sir Cecil Clementi is a former Colonial Secretary and acting Governor of Ceylon; the Hon. Mr. John Scott, now Acting Governor of the Straits Settlements, is a former Colonial Secretary Ceylon and the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern who is Colonial Secretary, Hongkong and will officiate as Acting Governor pending the arrival of Sir Cecil Clementi's successor, was formerly Assistant Colonial Secretary, Ceylon. The path to Government House certainly seems to be through the Secretariat at Colombo!

#### Generally Welcomed.

"No information as to the probable date of the new Governor's arrival in Singapore is yet available, but whenever he assumes office he will do so with the goodwill of all communities. That has not to be won. It has been given without stint as a tradition by the people of this country. Appointments have been made in the past which have not given undiluted joy, but there is no instance to recall of a new arrival having to fight prejudice."

"On rare occasions, it must be admitted, the goodwill so freely offered has been forfeited, but there is no reason to fear a repetition of such an occurrence within the next five years. The present appointment of a man distinguished as a scholar and a Colonial administrator of very wide experience will be generally welcomed and accepted as a tribute to the growing importance of Malaya as a unit in the British Empire."

### LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.  
SMART, START, STARK,  
SHARK, SHANK, THANK,  
THINK, THICK, TRICK.

## ST. ANDREW'S BALL FEATURES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Lighted thistles similar to that in the ballrooms will be carried out. The card room, situated on the mezzanine lounge, is decorated with the Ferguson family crests, and will be a quiet refuge for those who prefer cards to dancing. A large room on the first floor has been converted into the main bar (Auchtermuchty). This room is easy of access, and will accommodate a large number of people. At the end of the room is a picture of the "Tay Brig," looking from Balgay Hill, Dundee, towards Fife on the other side.

#### Official Lancers.

The dance programme, which was published in full yesterday, opens with the Official Lancers, made up of two sets—the Chieftain's (Mr. A. H. Ferguson) and the Vice-Chieftain's (Mr. K. E. Greig). These will be made up as follows: Chieftain's Set—Mrs. Hallifax and Chieftain, Mrs. Ferguson and Vice-Chieftain, Mr. A. K. Walstead, K.C.B., Mrs. Cressy and Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Mrs. Bonnar and Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.

Vice-Chieftain's Set—Mrs. Black and Vice-Chieftain, Mrs. Sutherland and Commodore R. R. S. Hill, R.N., Mrs. Shenton and Mrs. R. Sutherland, Mrs. Dyer and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar.

#### Official Table.

For the supper, the official table party will assemble on the first floor lounge at 11.20 p.m. and will then proceed to the dining room. Those intending to be present at the official supper are asked to be seated in good time.

The official party will be as follows:—Mr. A. H. Ferguson and Lady Clementi, H.E. the Governor and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. K. E. Greig and Mrs. Cressy, Sir A. K. Walstead and Mrs. Hallifax, H.E. Major Gen. Sandilands and Mrs. J. R. Wood, His Honour Sir H. Gollan and Mrs. Shenton, Commodore Hill and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Hon. Mr. Southern and Mrs. Hynes, Hon. Mr. Cressy and Mrs. Sutherland, Sir Shou Son Chow and Mrs. Bonnar, Hon. Mr. Shenton and Mrs. Black, Major Crane and Mrs. Dyer, Hon. Mr. Hynes and Mrs. B. D. F. Belth, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mrs. King, Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mrs. Osborne, Dr. G. D. R. Black and Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mr. D. Gow and Mrs. F. C. Young, Mr. Stevenson and Mrs. Gow, Mr. B. Wylie and Mrs. Dunne, Mr. A. Cameron and Mrs. Stevenson, Rev. F. C. Young and Mrs. B. Wylie, Mr. B. D. F. Belth and Mrs. E. Davidson, Dr. J. C. Macgown and Mrs. Parker, Mr. E. M. Bryden and Mrs. Ritchie.

#### The Officials.

A tremendous amount of preparatory work has fallen on the various officials, who are as follows:

General Committee.—Mr. A. H. Ferguson (President), Mr. K. E. Greig (Vice-President), Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar (Past President), Mr. R. M. Dyer (Past President), Mr. R. Sutherland (Past President), Dr. G. D. R. Black (Past President), Mr. G. S. Mackie (Past President), Mr. D. Gow, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. P. Tod, Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. A. Ritchie, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Dr. Macgown, Mr. S. J. H. Fox (Hon. Treasurer), with Mr. E. M. Bryden, and Mr. J. S. Drummond, Joint Hon. Secretaries.

Invitation Committee.—General Committee along with—Mr. A. Ritchie, (Convener), Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Belth, Dr. G. D. R. Black, Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Dunnett, Mr. J. S. Macgown, Mr. A. Mackinnon, Mr. E. C. Monie, Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. C. L. Sandes, Mr. J. H. Taggart and Mr. P. Tod.

Dance and Music Sub-Committee.—Mr. K. S. Morrison (Convener); Roof Garden (Mr. H. R. Foreth in charge) assisted by Messrs. W. L. Alexander, A. M. Braude, I. A. C. Highet, R. B. Bell, P. D. Wilson, D. Beath, W. C. K. Mackie and I. F. Grant; Rose Room (Mr. D. L. McWhirter in charge) assisted by Messrs. R. Kirkwood, D. J. Gilmore, W. Robertson, P. Morrison, J. Forbes, J. Bulloch and A. Reid.

Ladies' Cloak Room Committee.—Dr. J. C. Macgown, (Convener), Dr. J. Morrison and Dr. M. Nicholson.

Supper and Wines Committee.—Mr. P. W. Ramsay, (Convener), Mr. J. W. Blackley, Mr. E. D. Black, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. J. Coulthart, Mr. G. H. Culhill, Mr. G. B. Dunnett, Mr. J. C. Fletcher, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Joseph Fraser, Mr. W. Kay, Mr. J. Laing, Mr. W. Lawson, Mr. A. Macfarlane, Mr. G. Macleod, Mr. J. D. McLaggan, Mr. J. Polson, Mr. D. S. Robb, Mr. W. D. Russell, Mr. G. W. Sellars, Capt. R. J. J. Sneddon, Mr. F. Syme Thomson and Mr. J. Watson.

Decorations Committee.—Mr. George Duncan, (Convener), Mr. D. Keith, Mr. J. Kempton, Mr. A. B. Ramsay and Mr. G. G. Stapani Thomson.

Card Room Committee.—Mr. B. Wylie.

Honorary Pipers.—Mr. W. C. K. Mackie, Mr. P. D. Wilson and Mr. G. Nisbet.

## SHANGHAI FUTURE DISCUSSED.

### EVENTUAL CHINESE CONTROL OF SETTLEMENT.

### PREMIER'S SON TALKS.

Shanghai, Nov. 24. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, M.P., son of the Prime Minister, delivered a most interesting address on the recent Kyoto Conference before the members of the Pan-Pacific Association, at the Cathay Hotel, yesterday, there being present one of the largest attendances for many months past.

In the course of his speech, Mr. MacDonald referred to the International Settlement of Shanghai. It was the unanimous opinion of all present at the Kyoto Conference, he said, that it was only right that the International Settlement should eventually come under Chinese administration. The point at issue seemed to be just one as to when that should take place. How soon could such a transfer take place?

The administration of the Settlement was a very difficult work indeed, one requiring much thought, and the people had to be educated to the need. The speaker was a member of the London County Council and, as an experienced man he realized that such a work was one requiring great skill. Also as a member of the London Labour Council, he would express the opinion that that body, after 30 years experience, was not able to take over the administration of such an area.

He would not say that it would take 30 years for the Chinese to be able to administer Shanghai, but there was no reason why the Chinese should not be allowed to take a gradual and greater share in the government of the International Settlement.

### LATEST "TALKIE" AT THE QUEEN'S.

### RONALD COLMAN HEARD IN "BULLDOG DRUMMOND."

"Bulldog Drummond," the latest "talkie" to come to the Queen's Theatre, was screened for the first time in Hongkong yesterday. The general opinion was that it is good. Additional interest was shown in the production from the fact that the play is well-known in Hongkong, having been put on by the local A.D.C. some two years ago.

One of the most striking features of the cinema version is the effectiveness of the settings, which are very cleverly conceived and carried out. They help very materially in producing that eerie atmosphere which is needed in a play of this type. The action, too, is impressively rapid, providing no end of thrills.

As far as the voices are concerned, they were, on the whole, quite good, although occasionally some of the dialogue was missed through indistinctness. Moreover, most of the talking was a trifle "grammaphony." "Bulldog Drummond," of course, is an English play, and it was gratifying to note that the American accent was not by any means pronounced. Ronald Colman, who figured in the title role, made an excellent hero, but his voice was not by any means the best in the cast. For distinctness, the man who took the part of Algy was far better, although the American conception of an English "nut" was a trifle overdrawn. Joan Bennett, as the

## SAMOAN DANCERS.

### HIG ATTRACTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

From glamorous Samoa, where languid tropic days are spent in sleep and fragrant tropic nights in dancing, come the Samoan Dancers, who are playing here next Monday and Tuesday at the Theatre Royal.

Mme. Claude Riviere, who is in charge of the troupe, has spent considerable time in Samoa, and in presenting the dances strives primarily to give the world outside of the charmed islands an idea of the inherent beauty of the dancing which is as essential to the Samoans as food. The only place where she found the traditional dances still flourishing was Samoa, and she conceived the idea of gathering together a little group of pure-blooded Samoans, and taking them on tour, after thorough training. In Honolulu, where the troupe spent two years, they added a Hawaiian girl to their Company, Princess Roselani, who has a beautiful, bird-like voice. There also they learned several of the old Hawaiian dances, now almost forgotten, and Hawaiian music.

Mme. Riviere claims that this is the only troupe of real Samoans who have ever performed outside of their native land, and that the Samoan dances which they give are the unadulterated native dances that have come down from generation to generation among the Samoans. In Samoa, alone among the Polynesian islands, have the British and American governments abstained from any kind of interference with the dress and customs of the natives. Her charges dance as they were taught to dance in their native environment, not as a European or American thinks they ought to dance.

Mme. Riviere not only knows the Samoan islands, but she loves the people with that very personal affection which unites a member of an alien race with a land of beauty. Dressed as a native woman, she drifted from island to island of the group. For three months she lived at the Tahiti home of the artist, Comte Morillot. This painter, who followed the example of Gauguin, is considered by some to be the peer of the man whose work proved so revolutionary. During Mme. Riviere's travels she found an original manuscript of Gauguin that deals with religion and philosophy.

### LYING INSHORE.

### JUNK MISTRESSES ROUNDED UP.

No less than 15 mistresses of passenger boats were brought before Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood at the Marine Court this morning, all charged with the same offence—lying inshore during prohibited hours. Some were arrested opposite the reclamation near Arsenal Street and some near the junk anchorage.

The defendants all pleaded guilty and were each fined \$3 with the alternative of three days' imprisonment with hard labour.

Heroine, was excellent, as also was Lilyan Tashman as the adventuress. We can commend "Bulldog Drummond" as being very well worth seeing.

Other features of the programme were a Fox movie, a news reel, and a very clever turn by "Ukelele Ike," whilst the Queen's Orchestra in the Maritime overture scored another big success.

## SILKS DAMAGED BY RAIN.

### CLAIM AGAINST LANDLORD NOT UPHELD.

### COURT JUDGMENT.

A landlord's liability under a covenant to repair a roof was dealt with by the Paines Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) in the Summary Court this morning when he gave judgment for the landlord in the case concerning a claim for damages by the Kashmir Silk Store, No. 36a, Queen's Road Central, against the landlord.

Hassamam Ghanchand, proprietor of plaintiff shop, alleged that silk had been damaged to the extent of \$293 by rainwater entering through the roof and he claimed that sum as damages from Li Koop-chun, No. 31, Wing Lok Street, alleging he had committed a breach of the indenture of lease in which he covenanted to repair the roof. Alternatively, plaintiff claimed the money for damages sustained through defendant's negligence.

Mr. D. L. Strellett was for plaintiff and Mr. G. G. N. Tinson appeared for the landlord, who did not dispute the damage but asserted that the rain did not enter through lack of repair.

#### The Judgment.

Giving judgment his Lordship said:—The plaintiff is the lessee of a ground floor flat which he uses as a silk store. The defendant, who is the lessor, is the owner of the property and has sub-divided the house into flats for letting, retaining the roof in his own possession. The plaintiff's lease runs for five years from February 10, 1929. The lessor has expressly covenanted in the ordinary form to keep the roof in repair. This is the lessee's claim for damages for an alleged breach by the lessor of this covenant.

The facts are these: On September 11, a leak was observed in the roof. The plaintiff's goods, in consequence, suffered damage. The plaintiff complained to the agents of the lessor who took immediate action. The roof was repaired on September 12. Rain fell during September 13 and/or 14 but no consequent damage followed. The shop was closed on the evening of September 14. Subsequently rain water damage, discovered on September 15, occurred to the plaintiff's goods due to a new leak in the roof. On this damage the present claim is founded.

It appears that the adjoining owner (on the west side) whose premises include one more floor than the defendant's premises, had (since before September 11) been doing certain repairs to his top floor, in which connexion scaffolding had been erected and scaffolding pinewood poles, without pedestal bases, had been allowed to rest upon defendant's roof.

#### The Leaks.

It seems possible that the first leak was due to the displacement of certain tiles caused by the workmen who erected the scaffolding. No notice was given to the defendant of the intention to erect. This damage was repaired immediately on the lessee's complaint. No claim arises in this connexion.

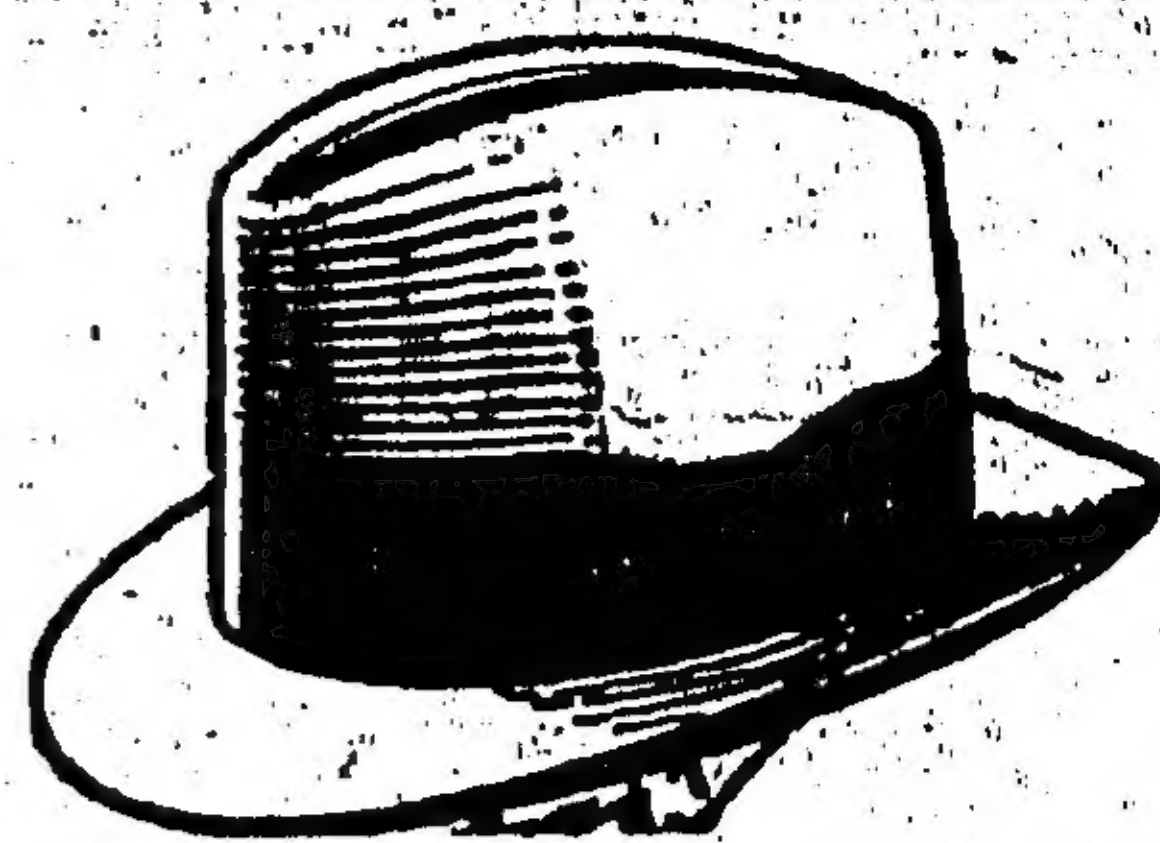
The second leak was more extensive. It was at a new point. A hole, several inches square, had been made on the roof, through which broken tiles had fallen. In the area round the hole a number of tiles had been broken. This hole was not, in my opinion, caused by pressure or the weight of the scaffolding, but by some forcible impact, which remains unascertained. This cause probably commenced to operate after the shop was closed on September 14.

In these circumstances the Court is asked to hold the defendant liable for a breach of his covenant to repair. I shall here adopt the statement of the law as laid down by the Full Court in "Goldring v. Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd. (1909) H.K.L.R., which is binding upon me and also accords with the trend of the more recent authorities.

It was then held that the lessor's covenant to repair the roof was an undertaking to use due care to maintain the roof in good repair, and that before the lessor can be held liable some want of due care must be shown on his part. Here the present plaintiff seems to me to have failed. What has happened has resulted from the action of a third party which took place shortly before the discovery of the damage and of which the lessor had no knowledge.

The building was an old building. The roof beams at this time were in bad condition. There were white ants in the roof. Some beams required to be replaced. The Building Authority, on September 10, had served a notice on the defendant declaring the roof to be dangerous. The evidence, however, has not connected these facts with the damage suffered by the plaintiff.

My judgment is for the defendant, with costs.



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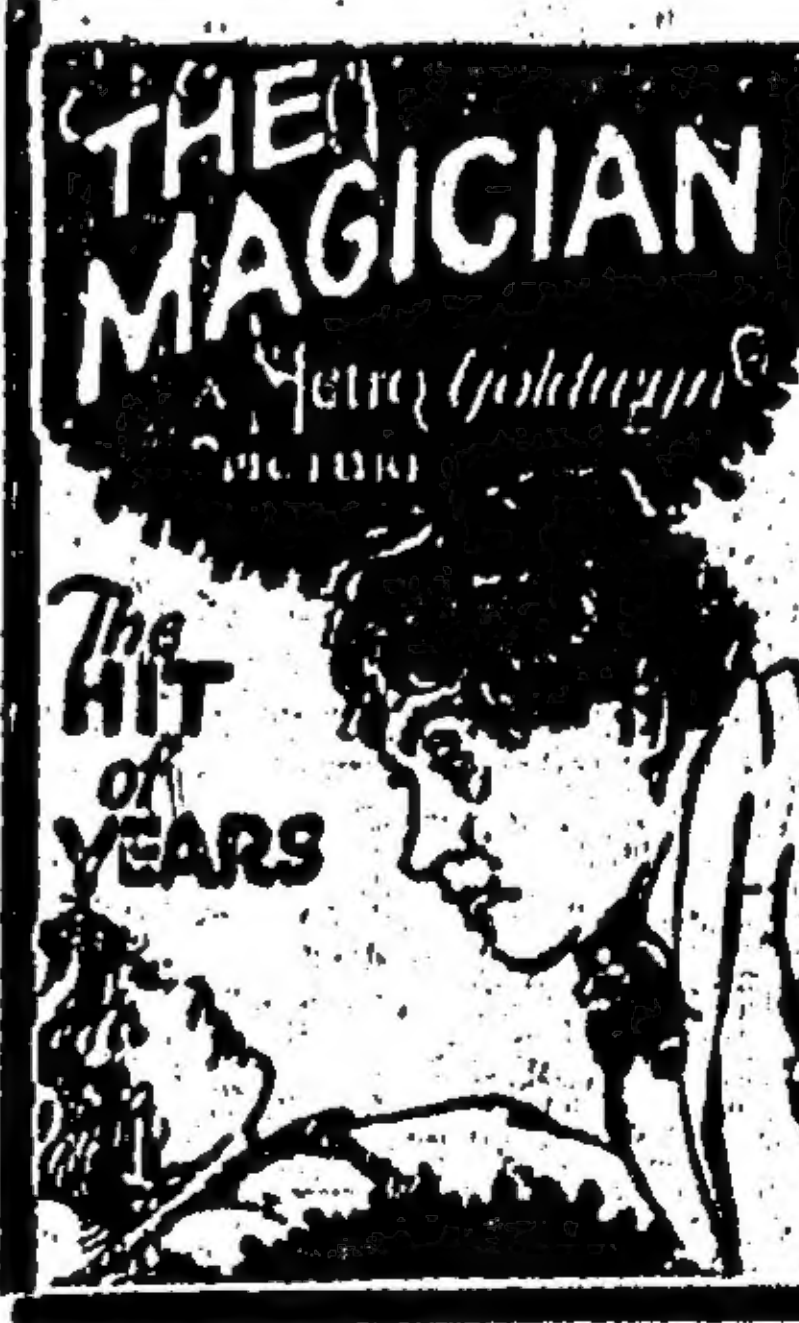
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### PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT TO BOLSTER PRICES.

There is consternation in Egyptian business circles over the recent drop in cotton prices, and considerable pressure is being exercised to persuade the Egyptian Government to enter the cotton

market to prevent low prices. The Government seems inclined to repeat the blunder of 1928 by again interfering with the laws of supply and demand, but it is hoped that wiser counsels will prevail, as not only will such action adversely affect Egypt, but it will eventually kill the market for Egyptian cotton.

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## HUGE LINERS GATHER.

A REMARKABLE SCENE IN  
SOUTHAMPTON DOCKS.

London, Nov. 28.  
 There was a remarkable gathering of large liners in Southampton docks, yesterday.  
 Germany's largest liner, the Bremen, of fifty thousand tons, came in to receive underwater attention in the floating dock, and took up a position near the White Star liner Majestic, which is the largest vessel in the world, and which later set off for New York.

America's largest liner, the Leviathan, arrived during the day, berthing near the Berengaria, which is the largest of the Cunard liners, and the Aquitania, which is not quite so big.  
 Other huge liners in port included the Carnarvon Castle, the biggest vessel on the South African route, the Empress of Scotland, the largest Canadian Pacific liner, and the Belgeland, which is the largest vessel flying the Belgian flag, and which left during the day to prepare for a round the world trip.—*British Wireless.*

## THE WORLD OF SPORT

## THE LAI WAH CUP SEMI-FINAL

ONLY ONE SENIOR LEAGUE  
GAME TO-MORROW.

## THE SELECTED TEAMS.

[By "Wanderer."]

League football gives way this week-end to the presumably more important Lai Wah Cup competition, only two Senior League teams being engaged, the Royal Artillery and the Somerset.

A representative Civilian side is meeting a team from the Chinese fraternity for the right to meet the Army in the final of the Lai Wah Cup, and an exceedingly interesting game should result.  
 The fixture list is appended:

## LAI WAH CUP.

Civilians v. Chinese, Club Ground, 4 p.m.

St. Michaels v. Wynne, Pile, Hedley, Hudson, Miller, R. Gowan, A. Gowan, Gidman, McKelvie, Jones, or Miles.  
 Chinese v. Pile, Hedley, Hudson, Miller, R. Gowan, A. Gowan, Gidman, McKelvie, Jones, or Miles.  
 Lai Wah Cup, 10.30 a.m., Wong Shue-choi, Lam, Yick-choi, Tan, Kwan-shing, Sung, Kwan-shing, Wong Pak-chung, Ip Pak-shing, and Chin Kwong-shing.

## Senior League.

R.A. v. Somerset, Kowloon, 4.15.

## Junior League.

R.O.S.B. v. F.W.C.—Sookunpo, 2.45.  
 Chinese "A" v. R.A.M.C.—Stadium, 2.45.

Navy v. Kowloon—Navy, 2.45.  
 Club v. St. Joseph's—Club, 2.30.

University v. R.A.—St. Joseph's, 2.45.  
 Eastern v. S. China "A"—Chinese, 2.45.

Somerset v. S. China "B"—Kowloon, 2.45.  
 Recreation v. Chinese "B"—Recreation, 2.45.

## The Lai Wah Cup.

For what it is worth, form would suggest that the final of this competition should be between the Civilians and the Army though the Chinese are holders.

The Civilians are very strongly represented, and if team work is quickly developed, and there should be no real difficulty about this, it should not be over-difficult for them to get the measure of the Chinese, whose team is drawn largely from the Chinese Athletic. Only two South China players have secured a place.

In all departments, the Civilians are strong. Rodgers is probably the best goalkeeper in the Colony at the present time. Wynne, the right back, has recently shown some of his old form, while Pile who gets his first representative match has laid claims for a long time. The half-backs line is made up of Hedley and Bliss of Kowloon (both chosen for the first interport trial), and Hudson of the Police, while the forwards comprise the Gowan brothers on the right wing, Goldman in the centre, and McKelvie and Miles on the left. Brown was selected for the outside left position, but at the time of writing, it was understood that there was little probability of his turning out. He appears to have been on the injured list for some little time past.

Whatever the result, a keen contest from start to finish is certain and the accommodation is likely to be heavily taxed.

## Military Meeting.

The Royal Artillery meet the Somerset on the Kowloon ground and are expected to go down, unless the venue again proves a loss ground. The Somerset and the Athletic are the best placed teams in the league, and the former are not likely to take any risks against the hard-playing Artillerymen.

In the Junior League, the R.O.S.B. Chinese "A," St. Joseph's, University, South China "A," Somerset and Chinese "B" should secure victories. Kowloon Reserves are strongly represented against the Navy and may easily force a draw.

Kowloon Reserves will be represented to-morrow as follows: Angus, Guest, Hast, Nicholls, Easterbrook, Dunnell, Eastman, Campbell, Moss, Coates and Bickford.

The following players have been selected to represent the Club 2nd XI:—J.B. Wilson, Sloan, Potouloff, Hooper, Puncheon, Krilovsky, Smith, Bell, Peers, White, J.M. Wilson.

## GARRISON NEWS.

## THE RETURN OF COL. BROWNIGG.

Colonel W. D. S. Brownrigg, D.S.O., and Mrs. Brownrigg, are due to disembark here on Saturday. It will be remembered that Colonel Brownrigg acted for Brigadier Heath, during his recent illness, in the command of the Tientsin Area.

## Y.M.C.A. Programme.

A tea dance will be given in the Y.M.C.A. premises, City Hall, on Tuesday, commencing at five o'clock. On Friday a special dance will be held at the Belmont May Institute at 9 o'clock. Admission will be \$1, including refreshments.

## Football.

In a Second Division China Fleet League Match played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, Bruce beat Marazion by three goals to one. Potts scored the first goal for Bruce, after a misunderstanding had occurred between the Marazion backs and later scored the second goal for his side. Play remained more or less in the first half. In the second half, Bruce had the better of the game, though Martingale played well in goal for Marazion, and Swift beat Noakes with a good shot. Joynes scored the last goal for Bruce. Teams: Bruce—Noakes; Miller, Parr; Palmer, Kirby, Horner; Hawes, Penrose, Potts, Joynes, Barrett.

Marazion—Martingale; Goodall, Sub. L. L. Glass; Milton, Ward, Keon; Brown, Tiedler, Swift, Routledge, Pauley.

Stormcloud distinguished themselves by winning from Sepoy by four goals to nil yesterday afternoon, at Happy Valley. Teams:

Sepoy—Garrett; Farrell, Oakden; Ring, Bryden, Wells; Hudson, Williams, MacIntosh, Exon, Gutherie. Stormcloud—Rogge; Carter, Nicolls; Fellingham, Turner, Hudson; Morgan, Orritt, Collins, Gowan, Lynn.

Gowan beat both the backs to score the first goal, while Collins got the second for his side, shooting in a hard drive that Garrett could reach but not stop. After half-time, the Stormcloud made several good raids into enemy territory, and Morgan scored the third goal for his side. Lynn beat Garrett with a slow ground shot towards the end.

## Cricket.

A friendly match between teams from Hermes and Kent was played yesterday afternoon. Hermes declared with seven wickets for 82 runs. Kent, unfortunately, were unable to put up much of a show, and were all dismissed for 39 runs, Swan taking five wickets for 10 runs.

## FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR  
SUNDAY.

9.23 a.m.—Dr. Doyce and J. S. Dykes.  
 9.28 a.m.—O. Eager and A. Piercy.  
 9.32 a.m.—W. J. Roberts and R. A. Campbell.  
 9.36 a.m.—C. Mycock and E. J. Edwards.  
 9.40 a.m.—G. W. Sewell and A. G. Coppin.  
 9.44 a.m.—J. Drummond and S. S. Perry.  
 9.48 a.m.—W. G. Lorimer and J. Forbes.  
 9.52 a.m.—E. M. Bryden and D. S. Robb.  
 9.56 a.m.—D. M. Goodall and A. Webster.  
 10.00 a.m.—C. W. Jeffries and S. T. Butler.  
 10.04 a.m.—K. K. Rounds and O. D. Brown.  
 10.08 a.m.—Currie & Fleming and Mathews & Judd.  
 10.12 a.m.—H. R. Sturt and G. Davidson.  
 10.16 a.m.—G. B. Thomson and W. J. S. Key.  
 10.20 a.m.—H. A. Lammert and S. A. Sch.  
 10.24 a.m.—H. Hampton and W. S. Hillier.  
 10.28 a.m.—A. D. Humphreys and E. des Voeux.  
 10.32 a.m.—H. U. Ireland and E. D. Lawrence.  
 10.36 a.m.—D. J. Gilmore and I. W. Sheehan.  
 10.40 a.m.—P. Morrison and F. Ellis.  
 10.44 a.m.—A. B. Purves and T. C. Monaghan.  
 10.48 a.m.—I. J. Geare and C. T. Fowle.  
 10.52 a.m.—J. W. Robertson and C. C. Roberts.  
 10.56 a.m.—Capt. Ashby and A. O. Brown.  
 11.00 a.m.—R. M. Henderson and A. E. Lissman.

## RESULT OF LADIES' MEDAL COMPETITION.

A Medal Competition was held over the new course, Fanling, on Friday, 22nd November, for prizes kindly presented by Mrs. Parker. The prizes were won by:  
 Mrs. McEachran ... 90—22=77  
 Mrs. Lissman ... 98—18=78  
 There were 28 entries.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB TEAM DRAW WITH  
EIGHTH FLOTILLA.

The game yesterday afternoon, whilst full of incident, was not comparable with the previous day's game.

Teams:  
 Club—Skinner, Coppin, Wade, Fox, Ferguson, Holmes, Clerk, Laidlaw, West, Henry, Peers, Beaumont, Burnell, Clippens, Gordon.  
 8th Flotilla—Evans, Chambers, Lt. Cdr. Crawford, North, Bradshaw, Sub. Lt. Atkinson, Lt. Hewitt, Lt. Cdr. Sim, Lt. Mosley, Weham, Francis, Paul, Shiute, Edwards, Luxton.

The Club kicked off, and forward play seemed to dominate the play for some time, though the Navy forwards were soon near the Club line, but Fox saved with a good kick to touch. Skinner was brought down when he was about to kick, and the ball was sent over the dead-ball line. The Club relieved pressure, and sent the ball back to half-way, Wade finding a good touch. Sim made a good pass from a line-out to Hewitt, who sent to Atkinson, who made ground before passing to North, who found touch well down. Play ran from end to end, both sides getting near the line in turn, though the backs on both sides, and the wing forwards did good work in tackling. When the Flotilla forwards looked really as though they were out for a score, Holmes, with a solo run got back to half-way, and found a good touch, as there was no one up to help him. The Flotilla forwards got back halfway, but were soon sent into their own half, and end to end play concluded the first half.

Similar play characterised the opening minutes of the second half and both sets of forwards were trying very hard. Skinner relieved three times with fly-kicks, when he was unable to gather the ball, and played a very sound game on the whole. Atkinson, whose passing was often wild, but no score came until fifteen minutes of the second half had been played. Holmes got near the line, but his pass to Peers was not too good. Peers made ground, however, and sprang just the Flotilla backs to score in the corner. The kick failed, and the Club felt that they were definitely getting the upper hand, and played accordingly. The Flotilla were not to be discouraged, and came back well several times, their persistence being rewarded with a try by Hewitt, against the corner flag. Hewitt made a neat thing of it, diving over a forward to touch the ball down. The kick at goal was charged down.

Considerable excitement marked the closing stages of the game, both sides playing up well, and trying out all their tricks, the Club having the best of the play, though Skinner was hard worked on two occasions. He managed to come off splendidly both times, and the game finished with a try all.

## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to day:

## Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1345 s.  
 Chartered Bank, £19 s. b.  
 Mercantile & B., £30 s. n.  
 East Asia \$95 b.

## Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$695 b.  
 Union Ins., \$360 s.  
 North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.  
 Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.  
 China Underwriters, \$2 n.  
 China Fires, \$310 n.  
 H. K. Fire Ins., \$815 n.

## Shipping.

Douglases, \$25 n.  
 H. K. Steamboats, \$26 s.  
 H. K. Tugs, \$2 s.  
 Indo-Chinas, (Def.), \$70 n.  
 Union Waterboats, \$22 n.

## Mining.

Bonguets, \$470 b.  
 Kailash, \$6/3 n.  
 Langkats, Tls. 12.90 sa.  
 Shai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.  
 Raubs, \$12 n.  
 Tronohs, 21/- b.

## Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$147 n.  
 Whampoa Docks, \$32 s. b.  
 China Providents, \$5.40 s.  
 Hongkows, Tls. 190 n.  
 New Engineerings, Tls. 7.50 n.  
 Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

## Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14 s.  
 Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b.  
 Shai Cottons, Tls. 77 (old) b.

## Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$10.40 b.  
 H. K. Lands, \$65 s.  
 Shai Lands Tls. 161 n.  
 Humphreys, \$14 50 n.  
 Realities, \$9 s.  
 Chinese Estates \$98 s.

## Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$19.10 b.  
 Peak Trams, (old) \$11.75 n.  
 Star Ferries, \$70 n.  
 China Lights, (old) \$16.40 b.  
 H. K. Electric, \$65 s. b.  
 Macao Electric, \$23 b.  
 Telephones \$7.80 b.

## LETTER GOLF.

Something of a SMART TRICK is to-day's letter golf exercise. Par is eight and the trick should be easily accomplished if you're smart.

S	M	A	R	T
T	R	I	C	K

1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.  
 2.—You can change only one letter at a time.  
 3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.  
 4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

China Buses, Tls. 15 s. b.  
 Singapore Traction, 10/- s.

## Industrial.

China Sugars, \$80 b.  
 Malabons, \$27 n.  
 Cald. Macg. Ord. Tls. 11 n.  
 Canton Ices, \$2.50 n.  
 Cements (C&M) \$11.60 s.  
 Ropes (Old) \$8 s.  
 United Asbestos \$5 b.

## Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$24 s. b.  
 Watsons, \$12 s.  
 Dor A. Wings, \$80 n.  
 Lane Crawford, \$1.95 b.  
 Mackintoshes, \$18 b.  
 Sincera, \$12 n.

## Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$29 n.  
 Constructions, \$13 s. b.  
 B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 61%  
 H. K. G. Loan 41% s. Prem.

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## OPIUM TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

### DIFFICULTY OF ERADICATING THE HABIT.

### CONTRABAND SOURCE.

The nature and extent of the illicit traffic in opium in Hongkong is dealt with in the concluding part of the Government memorandum on the subject published below. The chief sources of supply are outlined and examples are given of the ingenious hiding places used to conceal the smuggled drug. Arguments for a reduction in the price of Government opium are set out and stress is laid on the difficulties of adequately guarding the Colony's extensive frontier and coast line.

1. It is impossible to estimate with any pretence to accuracy the extent of the illicit traffic in opium with respect to either the amount smuggled into the Colony itself or the amount smuggled through the Colony on route for other places. The numbers of seizures and the amounts seized during the past five years are as follows:

Year.	Number of Seizures.	Tael.
1924	2,691	62,163
1925	2,880	62,982
1926	2,331	60,208
1927	2,261	48,921
1928	711	48,450

The figures for the first four years include numerous seizures in divers.

What proportion these figures bear to the amounts successfully smuggled cannot be ascertained.

2. The chief source from which illicit opium reaches the Colony is China, but the routes by which it comes vary from time to time.

Until 1928 Kwong Chow Wan was the chief supplier of Chinese opium, which was carried by practically every ship coming from that port.

In 1928 the route by which the majority of the Chinese opium came into the Colony was changed to the West River and the main supply now comes from Wuchow, though a certain quantity comes from Macao and Pakhoi.

During 1929 a certain quantity of opium of West River origin was transported overland by rail from Canton.

Amoy opium is not seen in any large quantities and has never been very popular in the Colony.

In the seizures of opium arriving from Macao both raw and adulterated Persian opium have been encountered several times in 1929.

### No Indian Opium.

The adulterated Persian opium has borne imitations of the stamp of Behbehani & Sons of Bushire and the contents of the packets have consisted of a little Persian opium mixed with the cheap paste which is used for making sticks.

The only other Persian opium seized during the year 1928 was taken in transit from Amoy to the Straits or Rangoon.

No Indian opium whatsoever was seized during the year.

As mentioned elsewhere, most of the raw Chinese opium seized bears Chinese revenue labels and, so far as is known, no precautions are taken to prevent the smuggling of opium out of the provinces of Kwong Sai and Kwong Tung into other parts of China or into this Colony.

3. The position in the neighbouring provinces of China varies from time to time as different cliques gain the ascendancy, but whatever party may be in power all indications point to the fact that, though at times there may be organizations which bear the titles of Opium Suppression Bureaux and at times there may be recognized Government or private monopolies in opium, the purpose of the authorities is to manage the sale of and acquire the revenue derivable from opium rather than to limit or control consumption or to restrict traffic.

Any internal restrictions on poppy cultivation in China became a dead letter throughout the greater part of that country (and particularly in the South) not long after the exclusion of Indian opium became an accomplished fact, and China now appears to produce very large supplies available for export.

### Interesting Labels.

An interesting light on the attitude of certain of the Chinese authorities and the alleged attempt to suppress the use of opium is provided by the labels found amongst 3,000 taels of raw Chinese opium seized amongst passengers' baggage on a ship which arrived from Pakhoi on the 22nd July, 1929.

The opium was concealed in false bottoms of trunks and baskets, in tins of oil and in cakes of wax and bean-cake.

The labels are issued by the Canton (Kwangtung) Treasury and describe the raw opium as a drug or medicine for breaking the opium habit.

The labels are over-printed with characters meaning "This will be treated as contraband if it enters the interior" and would thus appear to be a recognized export stamp similar in character to prepared opium exported from Amoy and seized in this Colony.

Labels of this type, with or without the overprinting, have been found with 4,030 taels of opium seized on arrival from Pakhoi in the first ten months of 1929 and also 2,920 taels of opium seized on arrival from Canton during the same period.

The 7,061 taels of Wuchow opium seized during the first ten months of 1929 bore blue labels bearing characters meaning "Wuchow District Opium Suppression Bureau" inspected, and on the 17th October a new design of label appeared on Wuchow opium bearing characters meaning "First Quality. Approved after inspection."

### Price Reduction Experiment.

Documents seized in certain premises recently searched by the Revenue Department furnished at least strong prima facie evidence that an officer holding a responsible position in the Public Safety Bureau at Canton, and who admittedly had a share in a licensed opium shop at Canton, was engaged in sending considerable consignments of opium to an associate in Hongkong and the accounts rendered by this person indicated that specific payments had been made to "Customs."

4. In the autumn of 1927 the Government of this Colony reduced the price of its opium experimentally in order to try to recapture from the smugglers the market which they had been able to capture owing to the high price of Government opium.

There was an immediate increase in the sale of Government opium and the number of seizures of illicit opium showed a marked decline.

At the end of January, 1928, the experiment was discontinued and thenceforward the sales of Government opium declined while the number of seizures increased showing the resumption of more extensive operations by the smugglers.

The Government believes that the results of the above experiment merit careful consideration and that therein might possibly be found a solution to the problem of the reduction of consumption.

The Government for the purposes of this experiment placed on sale three grades of opium at \$15.00, \$8.55 and \$6.66 per tael.

### Risks of Punishment.

The price at that time ruling for smuggled prepared Chinese opium was \$2.80 to \$3.50 per tael.

It will be seen therefore that the lowest Government price was still considerably above and was not actually competitive with that of the smugglers.

Notwithstanding this continued disparity in prices it is an undoubted fact that there was a great falling off in the amount of opium smuggled into the Colony.

If the smuggler could have maintained his market and still have obtained even his former low price he could still have gained the same profit on his transactions and his risks would be unchanged.

It is clear therefore that a factor other than price competition influenced the position and destroyed the smugglers' market.

This factor was in the opinion of the Government, the reluctance of the actual consumer to run the same risks of punishment as the smuggler for the purpose of obtaining smuggled opium even though this might be procurable at a price some \$3.00 per tael below that of the cheapest grade of Government opium.

It seems highly probable that the consumer was influenced to purchase and use a smaller quantity of the higher priced Government opium which he could use with the knowledge that he was not infringing the law rather than obtain a larger amount of smuggled opium which he could use only with the fear of incurring heavy penalties.

### Arguments for Lower Price.

The argument for reduction of price may be summed up thus: The present price of Government opium is prohibitive except to the wealthier members of the community.

A prohibitive price necessarily encourages smuggling. A high, but not prohibitive, price cuts away the smugglers' market, increases consumption of the legitimate supplies but reduces gross consumption, because consumers prefer smaller supplies of the legitimate and unadulterated article to larger supplies of adulterated contraband which may involve them in fines and imprisonment.

The cessation of the use of smuggled opium would have a fourfold reaction in that it would reduce the gross amount of opium consumed, would reduce the demand for production in the interior of China, would reduce the profits of smugglers which now go to increase the contraband opium trade, and at the same time would eliminate that criminality in matters relating to opium which now undermines the general respect for the law and submits the guardians of the law to the temptations of bribery.

### Geographical Difficulties.

5. The Colony of Hongkong is geographically an integral part of China and there is constant intercommunication between the

Colony and the neighbouring provinces of the Republic.

On the northern side of the New Territories there is a land and river frontier extending for over 14 miles.

The Colony and New Territories on the mainland have a coast line of approximately 180 miles which provides innumerable secluded spots at which contraband goods can be landed.

The Island of Hongkong itself has a coastline of approximately 42 miles offering similar facilities for smuggling, and in the neighbouring waters are some sixty sparsely populated islands which can be, and at times have been, used as dumping places for opium which is intended ultimately to be brought to the island or mainland by small craft.

The task of adequately guarding so extensive a frontier and coast line against the smuggling of opium would involve expenditure beyond the means of this Government.

6. A brief survey of the traffic entering the Colony shows the difficulties by which this Government and its officers are faced in their efforts to prevent the introduction of contraband opium.

The returns of the Kowloon-Canton railway for the three months, July, August and September, 1929, show that an average of over 40,000 persons per month entered the Colony by rail from stations in Chinese territory.

During the first half of the year 1929 a total of 863,334 passengers entered the Colony by sea.

During the same period 624 ships arrived from Macao, 1,654 from Canton, Wuchow and other West River ports, 104 from Kwong Chow Wan territory and 505 from ports on the China Coast other than the above mentioned. The total tonnage of these ships was 2,977,778.

### Insurmountable Difficulties.

There are in addition many launches registered in the Colony which ply between the port of Victoria and outlying islands and points on the mainland contiguous to Chinese territory.

Junks to an average of approximately one thousand per month arrive in the waters of the Colony from places on the China coast.

23,050 junks, sampans and other small craft belonging to the Colony were registered in 1928 and these in their constant passing to and between different parts of the Colony are undoubtedly of the greatest utility to smugglers, while a fishing fleet of several thousand large junks affords further facilities for smuggling.

The difficulty of controlling the import of contraband by traffic such as the above is well-nigh insurmountable.

What can be done in the way of search of disembarking passengers and of vessels is done and the Government has incurred great expense in the provision of an effective patrol to be carried out as far as may be both within the Harbour limits and in the surrounding territorial waters.

### Ingenuous Hiding Places.

7. So far as is ascertainable the profit obtained by the actual smuggler of opium is not high. The price usually ruling is about \$2.00 while the retailer obtains from \$2.80 to \$3.50 per tael. Rapidity of turn-over of capital is the factor which makes the business profitable.

8. The Chinese have always shown the greatest ingenuity in devising hiding places for contraband opium.

It has been found in receptacles bolted outside the bottom of a junk, in a hollowed out spar, in a compartment inside a tin of petrol or a jar of wine, in the leg of a bedstead, in a bag of flour, in a woman's hair, in tins of preserved fruit and vegetables and in every conceivable place in which the Chinese can devise means to hide an article the bulk of which is as small as its value is large.

In ships opium has been found in every hollow space from the ladies' bath-rooms to the Captain's cabin and from the crew's nest to the bilges. It has in fact been found useless to embark on the search of a large ship unless definite information is forthcoming as to the precise whereabouts of the contraband, and in view of the impossibility of opening all the packages on board a ship any search of cargo is likely to be abortive unless particulars of the suspect packages are known.

### Bribery Question.

9. The difficulties met with in combating smuggling into the Colony are, if possible, increased when the attempt is made to prevent smuggling through the Colony.

It is a manifest impossibility to search all ships and examine all cargo passing through the Colony and here therefore our excuse service is more than ever dependent on the receipt of definite and accurate information as to consignments.

In 1928 only three seizures were made of opium in transit to the south and one of opium in transit to the United States of America.

10. The Chinese community has from time to time protested against the rigorous search to which incoming passengers and their luggage are subjected and the methods of search could not

## LIBEL ACTION.

### CHINESE NEWSPAPER TO PAY DAMAGES.

Mr. Pun In-tat, chief assistant to Messrs. Clark and Lu, architects, was awarded \$1,000 damages by the Puiene Judge yesterday afternoon against Messrs. Fung So and Wung Hui-kwong, editor and printer respectively of the vernacular journal the Kwai Tze Daily for publishing a libel against him in their columns. Judgment was entered by consent of both defendants.

Mr. Horace Lo, who appeared for Mr. Pun In-tat, said that the libel complained of had appeared on October 12 last. He announced that he would read to His Lordship the article wherein the libel had appeared, and tendered a certified translation of it to the Court. The article, which was a lengthy document, was then read out. In the article were certain passages which, the plaintiff alleged, accused him of abominable practices.

His Lordship, who said, said Mr. Lo, that the article was most defamatory to his client. It accused him of an unspeakable crime and alleged that he had been forced to take up a position lowering to him. His client was a respected citizen, a Bachelor of Science of the Hongkong University and chief assistant to a well-known firm of architects. The libel was most disgraceful and disgusting, and there was not the least ground or foundation for it.

### Defendants' Apologies.

Mr. Leo D'Almeida junr., who represented the second defendant, said that he wished to offer his client's profound regret that the article had been published. His client was anxious to make it clear that he was deeply sorry that the libel had appeared. Mr. D'Almeida had earlier pointed out that his client was only the printer, and not the printer and publisher of the daily, as set out in the statement of claim. At Mr. D'Almeida's request, His Lordship had the words struck out.

On behalf of the editor of the Kwai Tze Daily, Mr. F. G. E. Rendall offered apologies to Mr. Pun In-tat, and expressed, on Mr. Fung So's behalf, deep contrition and regret that the article had been published. His client, said Mr. Rendall, had been in ill-health for some time. At about the time the offending article appeared he inserted in the paper a notification of the fact that he was going to the country for his health. As a matter of fact he had been unable to go as he had wished as he was not strong enough. Mr. Rendall said that he would produce a medical certificate to that effect.

His Lordship: That has no bearing on the article.

Mr. Rendall said that he wished to offer full and unqualified apology on behalf of his client for the remarks made against plaintiff.

### A Disgusting Article.

Giving judgment His Lordship said that the article was an extremely disgusting one. It was difficult to see how a newspaper having regard to the standards of the press could have published it. He warned the defendants that the present case was not the only form of proceedings that could be instituted against publishers of such libels. They could be prosecuted for defamatory libel, and if it were proved that the publisher had good knowledge that the facts contained in the libel were untrue, he was liable to imprisonment for two years. Even if this latter fact were not proved, a defendant would still be liable to imprisonment for one year for publishing a defamatory libel.

Judgment was then entered jointly in the sum of \$1,000.

be made more efficacious without evoking a storm of protest.

A more rigorous search of shipping would likewise cause profound discontent among the shipping community and result in the withdrawal of such support as is now given to the suppression of the traffic.

The Government feels that the penalties for trafficking in and use of illicit opium are already sufficiently drastic and that any increase of the penalties would merely encourage offenders to outbid the offers of rewards by the amounts of the bribes which they would offer for immunity from prosecution.

The difficulties caused in the fulfilment of the obligations undertaken in Chapter II of The Hague Opium Convention of 1912 and in the Geneva Opium Agreement of February, 1925.

As will be seen from Part II of this Memorandum the Government of Hongkong has taken all possible measures to give effect to the obligations undertaken, and the failure to achieve the total suppression of the use of and traffic in opium must be attributed to the difficulties foreseen in Article II of the Protocol to the Geneva Agreement coupled with the difficulty of eradicating an established habit amongst a fluctuating community inhabiting territory which is particularly susceptible to the operations of dealers in contraband.

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MAURETANIA COLLIDES WITH  
A CAR FERRY.

New York, Nov. 28.

The famous Cunard Transatlantic liner, ss. Mauretania, was involved in an accident late on Wednesday night, when she came into collision with a car ferry near Robbins Reef, New York Harbour. The liner entered the harbour and reported that she was not damaged. The ferry boat was badly battered.

Liner Damaged.

The Mauretania had just started for Europe with a heavy passenger list, numbering 870, when she struck the car ferry so violently that ten goods cars were hurled overboard.

The Mauretania's crew launched a lifeboat to rescue the crew of the car ferry, but the latter remained afloat and was towed to Staten Island.

An examination of the liner has revealed two holes in the bows, which, however, it is hoped will not prevent a resumption of the voyage to-day.

Later.

The Mauretania, with a four by ten feet hole above the waterline, is returning hither unassisted.

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## FINDING WORK.

### MR. THOMAS MEETING TRADE UNION COUNCIL

London, Nov. 28. Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister in charge of proposals for stimulating employment, is meeting representatives of the General Council of the Trade Union Congress this morning, to discuss means of securing the fullest co-operation of the Council in speeding up employment schemes.

At a meeting of the Council yesterday, the effect of disarmament measures on employment and the possibility of finding alternative work at the dockyards was discussed. Members of the Council were the guests of the Prime Minister at dinner last night.

British Wireless.

### Insurance Scheme.

London, Nov. 28. The Government Unemployment Insurance Bill, which makes provision for revising the machinery of the insurance scheme and for increasing the amount of unemployment benefit payable to young persons out of work, and brings juveniles within the scope of the scheme, will be debated in committee in the House of Commons to-day.

A large number of amendments have already been tabled. The Liberal Party have given notice of thirty-three amendments, and it is stated that others will be advanced later. Those so far tabled by the Liberals do not challenge the revised rates of unemployment benefit, which will be debated on Monday, when there will be Conservative amendments resisting the increases, on the ground that as the unemployment insurance fund is £37,000,000, in debt, an amendment is inopportune to impose new financial burdens on the fund.

The newspapers anticipate that, owing to the keen controversy provoked by the Bill, the six days allotted to its committee stage will prove insufficient.

## CITY SENSATION.

### FINANCIER RESIGNS HIS DIRECTORSHIPS.

London, Nov. 28. Another sensation has been created in the financial world by Mr. Henry Spencer Horne, one of the most prominent company directors in the City, resigning his directorships.

Mr. Horne has intimated that owing to the exceptional depreciation of his holdings he is filing his petition in bankruptcy.

He is a director, among other companies, of Anglo-Foreign Newspaper Ltd., the Carmelite Trust Ltd., and British Cement Products and Finance Ltd. One of Mr. Horne's associates states that the position of the companies in which Horne is interested is in no way affected financially.

Cement Products have issued a statement which says that under their articles of association they are obliged to accept Mr. Horne's resignation, but the company's financial position is not affected by this.

Another of Horne's companies, Allied Cement Manufacturers, has issued a similar statement.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

### ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 48/29, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant.

Hongkong, Nov. 28.

The following units are required to proceed to Fanling Camp Friday evening 29th to Sunday evening 1st December.

Machine Gun Company and Armoured Car Company. These wishing to have their baggage sent to the camp at Fanling must deliver it, clearly labelled with owners' names at Corps Headquarters by 2 p.m. on Friday, 29th November.

Attention of all ranks are drawn to the fact that they must bring Greencloths to camp folded and carried in slings.

### Railway Time Table.

From Kowloon to Fanling: 5.40 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening.

7.30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening.

6.40 a.m. Saturday and Sunday morning.

From Fanling to Kowloon: 5.54 p.m. Sunday evening.

8.05 a.m. Monday morning.

Rations for 4th week-end. O/C Companies will report to the Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. by 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 4th Dec. the number of all ranks attending camp, stating meals required, so that rations can be arranged.

The Battery will attend the R. A. Practice Camp at Tai Lam during the week-end 14th, 15th Dec. and 21st, 22nd Dec.

### Corps Band.

There will be no Band Practice next Tuesday, 3rd Dec. All ranks will proceed to camp by the 5.40 p.m. train Saturday 30th. Dress as on previous week-end.

### The Battery.

Parades at H. Q. for Gun Drill will be held on Friday, Nov. 29 and Friday, Dec. 6 at 5.30 p.m. As these are the last two parades before camp at Tai Lam all members will please make a special effort to attend.

### Engineer Company.

Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, for sound drill. Dress, muff with rifle, belt and side arms.

### Corps Signals.

There will be a parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2, when final arrangements for Camp will be made. It is hoped that all members, who are attending Camp, will be present at this parade. Dress, Muff.

The Corps Signals will proceed to Fanling Camp by the 5.40 a.m. train on Wednesday, Dec. 4. Parade at Kowloon Railway Station 5.20 a.m. in uniform and with full equipment. For further details see para. 1.

The Company will return to Kowloon by the 5.54 p.m. train on Sunday, Dec. 8.

### Machine Gun Troop.

The Troop will go into camp on Friday, December 8.

### Armoured Car Company.

Car Section Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 5.15 p.m. Friday, 29th November, to proceed to Camp by Armoured Car. Dress: Tunic breeches, puttees, rifle, haversack, waterbottle, belt, gait, coat, cant carrier and helmet. Shorts and breeches will be taken to camp.

Motor Cycle Section Annual Camp—Friday, 29th November. All ranks will parade with motor cycles outside the Kowloon Railway Station at 5.30 a.m. on Friday, 29th November ready to proceed to camp by road.

Dress: Uniform with breeches, bandoliers, belts, royal tank corps hats, helmets will be slung on left

## LOCAL RADIO.

### ST. ANDREW'S BALL TO BE RELAYED.

Listeners all over Hongkong will be able to follow the progress for over two hours of St. Andrew's Ball at the Peninsula Hotel to-night. Dance music from the ballroom will be relayed from 9.25 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., at which hour the studio will close down.

An interesting children's programme has been arranged for this afternoon, when Auntie Jo and Uncle Dick will give their usual popular entertainment.

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"You'll Never Miss Your Mother Till She's Gone," "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" (Ade R. Hershenson—Chas. R. Gabriel).

Bud Billings—Carson Robison, "La Boheme—Fantasia" (Puccini), Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Star of the East" (Lohr), "The Garden of Allah" (Marshall), Peter Dawson, Bessie Baritone.

5.30 p.m. Children's programme, 5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme, 7.45 p.m. Weather report, 9.25 p.m. Dance music played at the St. Andrew's Ball will be relayed from the Peninsula Hotel.

11.30 p.m. "Close down."

shoulders, haversacks and water-bottles, rifles no slung. Motor cycle combinations will be in charge of Cpl. Walkinshaw, L/Cpl. Groome, Pte. Banks and Hutchison. A special lighter will be ready at the Hongkong side to convey machine-guns across the harbour. All machines must be on board by 5 p.m.

### Machine Gun Company.

There will be no further parades until Tuesday, 10th December, further particulars later.

### Scottish Company.

There will be no further parades until after Camp.

### Portuguese Company.

There will be no parades until Friday, December 13. All Company Competitions connected with the training of the Coy. will be completed for after this date.

### Sergeants Mess.

There will be a meeting of the Sergeants Mess Committee at 6 p.m. Thursday, 12th December.

### Strength.

The following recruits have been taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1527 Pte. F. E. Skinner, No. 1 Platoon, from 26. 11. 29.

No. 1528 Pte. A. C. Beck, No. 4 Platoon, from 26. 11. 29.

No. 1529 Pte. M. H. Sequeira, Corps Band, from 26. 11. 29.

### Leave.

Lieut. R. K. Valentim, O/C. A. Car Company, from 12. 11. 29. to 12. 12. 29.

Sgt. L. Goldman, No. 1 Platoon, from 22nd to 28th Nov. 1929. (Sick leave).

No. 1461 Pte. R. M. Wood, No. 4 Platoon, from 22nd to 28th Nov. 1929. (Sick leave).

### Promotion.

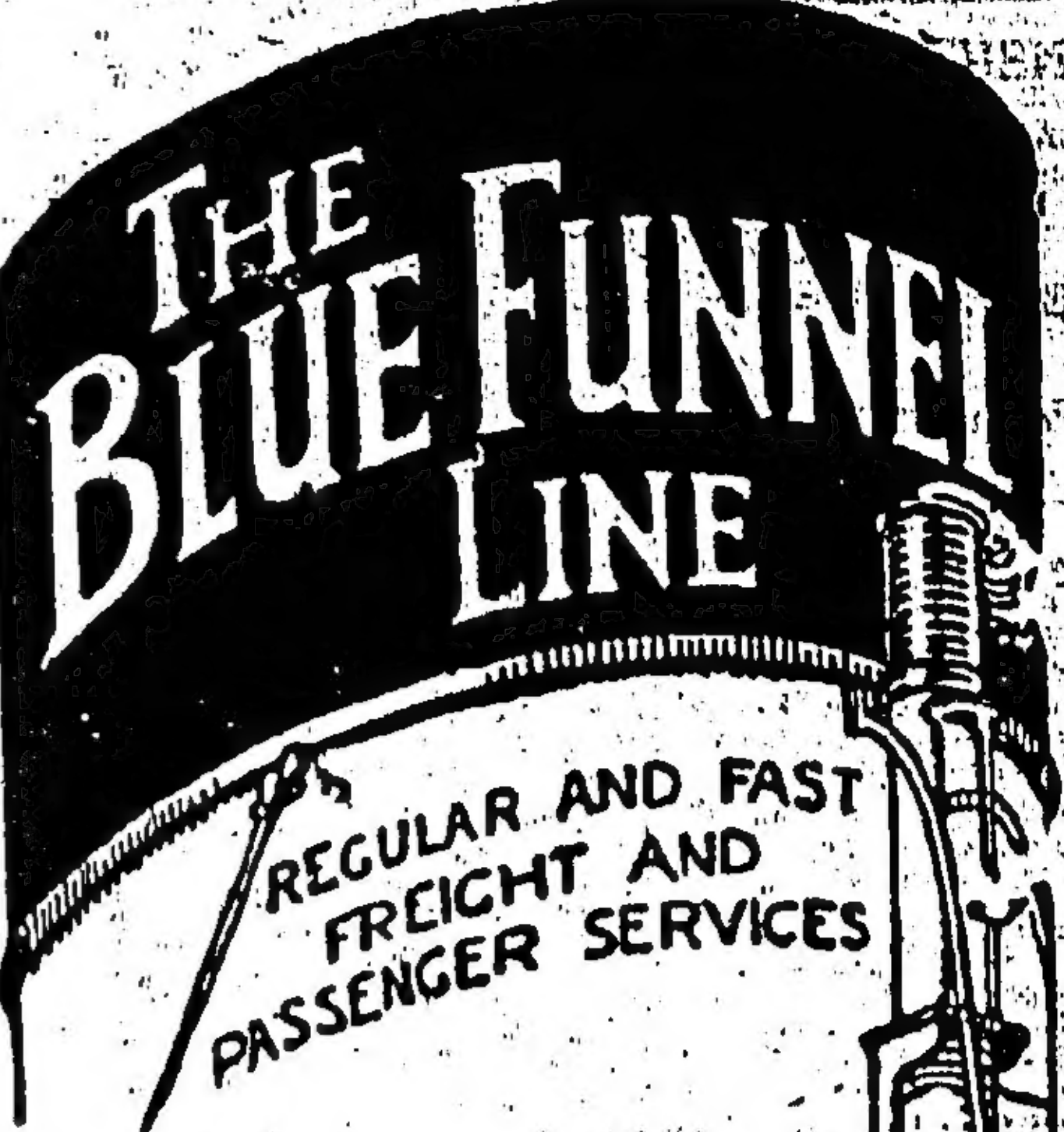
The following promotion will take place from date:

No. 1316 L/Cpl. H. Burson, No. 2 Platoon, to be Corporal.

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Hongkong, 27th November, 1929.N. Y. K. LINE.  
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loon, whence delivery may be obtained.

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and conditions of storage at Holt's  
Wharf. The cargo will be ready  
for delivery from Godown on and  
after 28th November.Optional cargo will not be landed  
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Agents.  
Hongkong, 28th November, 1929.Goods not cleared by the 4th  
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rent.Damaged packages must be left in  
the Godowns for examination by the  
Consignee's and the Co's representa-  
tives on any Tuesdays and Fridays,  
at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage  
period.All claims must be presented within  
three days of the steamer's arrival  
here, after which date they cannot be  
recognized.No claims will be admitted after  
the Goods have left the Godowns.  
No fire insurance has been effected.  
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,  
Hongkong, 27th November, 1929.

## CANED MUI TSAL.

PUNISHMENT WHICH WAS  
TOO SEVERE.Mr. Horace Lo appeared before  
Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon  
Magistrate's Court yesterday to defend a  
Chinese woman who was charged  
with taking into her employment a  
mui tsai, alternatively with taking  
into her employment a female  
domestic servant, and with ill-treat-  
ment of the girl.Mr. H. R. Butters appeared for  
the prosecution.His Worship intimated that he  
had received a letter from Mr.  
Butters who stated he was satisfied  
that the girl had been taken into  
employment outside the Colony and  
that he was prepared to withdraw  
the first two charges.Mr. Butters remarked that there  
was a further point. He had spoken  
to Mr. Lo who was prepared to  
plead guilty to a charge of common  
assault and he (Mr. Butters) asked  
that the third charge be amended  
accordingly.After the charge had been amend-  
ed, Mr. Butters remarked that he  
understood that the cause of the  
assault was that the girl had  
dropped the baby which was  
entrusted to her care.

A Trifle Risky.

His Worship commented that it  
seemed a trifle risky to entrust a  
baby to a small child like the  
mui tsai.Mr. Lo in making for leniency,  
said that it was to be regretted  
that on the day in ques-  
tion the defendant lost her  
temper and gave the mui tsai more  
chastisement than she perhaps  
deserved. There was this to be  
said for the defendant, however,  
that the mui tsai was asked to  
carry the baby, and she rather  
carelessly dropped it. The defend-  
ant, in the heat of the moment,  
gave her a few strokes of the cane,  
but she now admitted that she had  
been perhaps a little severe.Mr. Lo pointed out that from the  
doctor's certificate the marks on  
the girl were not serious, and asked  
that the defendant be given a  
warning.His Worship said that he did not  
think that a warning would be  
entirely sufficient. The punishment  
had been perhaps a little more  
severe than had been called for and  
the defendant would be fined \$20.

## GIANT AIRSHIPS.

WEATHER CONDITIONS  
DELAY R100 TRIAL FLIGHT.

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The maiden flight of the airship  
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tower at Cardington has been post-  
poned, the weather not permitting  
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is R100 is petrol driven and R101  
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## NO SPEED LIMIT?

CHANGES LIKELY IN HOME  
TRAFFIC RULES.

London, Nov. 28.

Considerable interest is being  
taken in the new Road Traffic Bill,  
the terms of which will be publish-  
ed shortly.It is anticipated that the mea-  
sure will propose abolition of the  
speed limit for all automobiles,  
except charabancs, buses and  
heavier commercial vehicles, which  
will be bound by a maximum per-  
missible speed of thirty miles an  
hour.The removal of the existing speed  
limit of twenty miles an hour,  
which has been largely disregarded  
of recent years, is expected to be  
accompanied by a tightening of the  
penalties for dangerous driving,  
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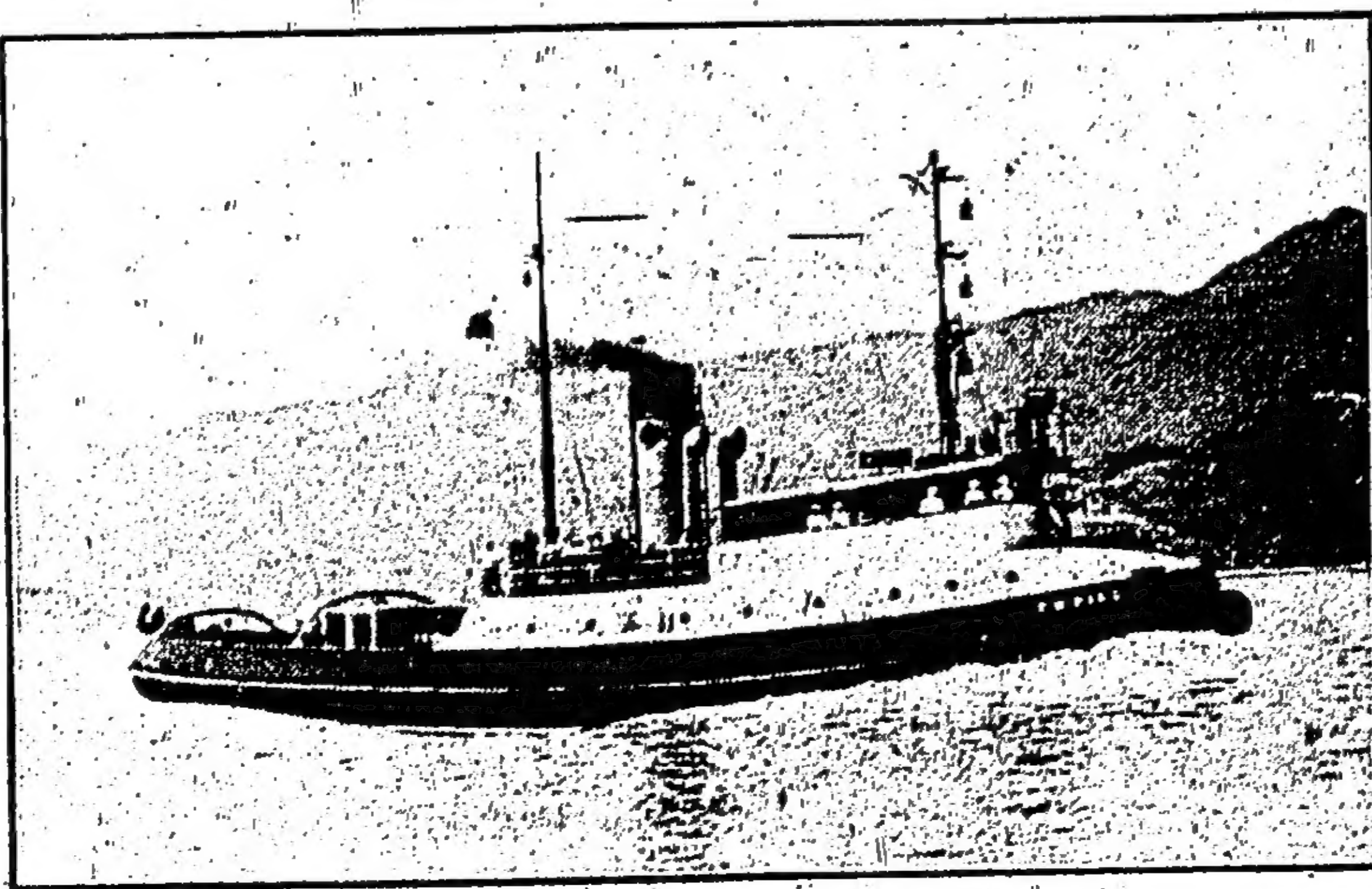
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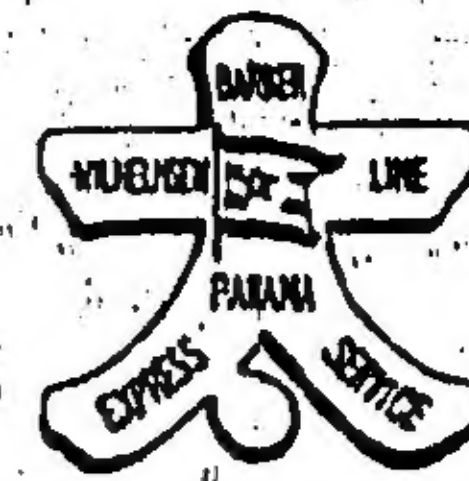
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
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Hongkong, 27th November, 1929.

## EXCHANGE PROBLEM.

SUBJECT DISCUSSED BY THE  
CHINESE CHAMBER.The exchange problem was  
again the principal topic of dis-  
cussion at the monthly meeting  
yesterday afternoon of the Chinese  
General Chamber of Commerce,  
when it was stated that some Chi-  
nese merchants had written to the  
Chamber complaining of the short-  
age of bank-notes and the super-  
fluous number of silver dollars in  
circulation here.Mr. Ho Yu pointed out that the  
apparent shortage in the bank-  
notes was partly due to the fact  
that heavy speculation in the Cen-  
tral Bank notes in Canton had re-  
sulted in considerable buying of  
the Hongkong Bank notes by  
speculators from Canton. Relat-  
ive to the amount of silver dol-  
lars, Mr. Ho said that the total  
amount of silver dollars in circula-  
tion here could not exceed \$10,  
000,000.00.The meeting decided to defer  
further discussion.

Education Among Chinese.

Education among the poorer  
class of the Chinese and the ad-  
visability of the Chamber assist-  
ing the free schools in the Colony  
was also discussed.The Secretary read a letter ad-  
dressed to the Chamber by Messrs.  
Ho Kwong and Ho Yu requesting  
that the Chamber should con-  
tribute some financial assistance  
towards the teachers at the free  
schools of the Confucian Society.It is understood that teachers in  
the free schools of the Confucian  
Society recently asked for in-  
creased salaries.The matter dropped on it being  
understood that members of the  
Chamber could send in subscrip-  
tions if they desired.Among those present at the  
meeting were Messrs. Li Yik-mui,  
Chan Heung-pak, Chan Tin-sion,  
Ho Kwong, Ho Yu, Ip Lun-chuen,  
Chau Yue-teng, Tsai Cheong, Kwok  
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Boston, U.S.A., will next summer celebrate its tercentenary, and as a result of the close association maintained between the two towns, the English Boston promised to send next year's Mayor to America to participate in the ceremonies.

The Mayoralty in Boston falls alternately to Liberal and Conservative members, and next year the choice falls to the Liberals. Ow-

ing to the unusual circumstances of next year it was suggested that a personality outside the Council should be co-opted, and the names of Lord Ancester, Lord Yarborough, and Lord Boston were submitted, but the Council majority thought an outside selection would be unpopular.

The senior Liberal Councillor, Mr. J. H. Mountain, declined to accept office until a Labour member, Mr. H. Salter, had been given an opportunity, and at the close of the meeting no decision had been arrived at other than that the Council would accept the nominee of the Liberty Party.

Americans resident in England will foregather at Boston (Lincoln) during the centenary week-end, and the social demands on the Mayor will be extremely heavy.

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A 100-DOLLAR FINE.

As a sequel to an accident which occurred on the night of November 13, when Mr. H. Fawcett, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, was knocked down and injured by a public car, No. 385, in Queen's Road Central, the driver, Lo Ping, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning on a summons brought against him alleging negligent driving.

Mr. Fawcett, in evidence, stated that he was on his way home, and prior to the accident was crossing Murray Road at its intersection with Queen's Road Central. Crossing over from the pavement on the Cricket Ground side, he had almost got on to the kerb outside the Naval Yard wall, when he was knocked down, without any warning, by the defendant's car. The bumper struck his legs first, while the radiator caught his elbow. He was also injured in the right shoulder and right knee.

Knocked Into Gutter.

The next thing he knew, after being struck by the car, was his lying with his head in the gutter and his feet pointing towards the tramlines, at a distance which he roughly estimated at ten yards from where his hat was lying. He was lying at a spot which he would eventually have reached if he had not met with the accident.

The car stopped level with his body, with its radiator pointing ahead. Mr. Hobling was with him, but escaped a similar mishap by quickly jumping on to the kerb. Mr. Moon, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, was a passenger in the public car, and he offered to come forward as a witness if he was wanted.

Cross-examined by Mr. O. E. C. Marton, on behalf of the defendant, witness said that the first he saw of the car was when it was near the Prince of Wales' Gate, coming up Murray Road towards the junction. Witness considered that he had then plenty of time to cross over, and disagreed with Mr. Marton that had he looked to the left the accident could have been avoided.

Right to Road.

"Witness considered he had every right to the use of the roadway, and it was for the driver to use every reasonable precaution and not endeavour to cut the corner in the way he did in an effort to get through ahead of the pedestrians."

"I consider myself a very cautious man where cars are concerned," said witness, who was also of the opinion that had not action been taken in connexion with the present accident, the next one would have resulted in the death of the victim.

Witness resisted Mr. Marton's suggestion that he was influenced into taking out the summons, declaring that he did so of his own initiative.

Mr. H. W. Moon, who was travelling in the car, told the Court that he was on his way to the Peak on the night in question. Coming through Murray Road, he could see two foreigners in the middle of the road at the place where Murray Road joins up with Queen's Road. The car carried on, and the pedestrians continued to walk. "I naturally expected the driver of the car to check its speed, but he carried on to cut the corner, with a view apparently of getting in ahead of the foreigners. Almost at the corner, I expected an accident and shouted 'Look out!' It was too late. The taller of the two Europeans jumped on to the kerb. The other was knocked down."

New at It.

Continuing, witness said that as a general rule a car should slow down when entering a main road from a side street, "but this fellow," indicating the defendant, "simply flew at it."

Reply to Mr. Marton, witness would not agree that the two Europeans were walking blindly on; they simply carried on. He considered that it was the fault of the driver.

Mr. H. Hobling, who was with Mr. Fawcett, said he escaped an accident by quickly leaping on to the kerb. He gave evidence corroborating Mr. Fawcett's.

After defendant had given his case from the witness-box, his Worship found the summons proved, and imposed a fine of \$100.

## WHAT SCOTSMEN HAVE DONE.

PREMIER'S SON IN SHANGHAI.

ENTERTAINED BY THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

INTERESTING SPEECH.

Shanghai, Nov. 26.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, son of the Prime Minister of Great Britain, in the Shanghai Club, yesterday, lunching with the President, Committee, and distinguished former officers of the Shanghai St. Andrew's Society.

The President, Mr. J. F. MacGregor, proposing the health of the guest, said that Mr. MacDonald was not really a case of reflected glory, for at Oxford he proved himself an earnest thinker, a fine speaker, and a keen debater. He won laurels in a debating tour of the world, and now he was a member of the Mother of Parliaments and was following closely in his father's footsteps. He had the true Scottish characteristic in that he wanted to find out things for himself. He was not satisfied with listening to what people said and what they wrote about the Far East and so he had come out to see for himself, some of the difficulties we had to face in ever-changing and kaleidoscopic conditions.

What Scots Have Done.

They were, said Mr. MacGregor, rather proud of Shanghai and would like to think that Mr. MacDonald was a little impressed by the city which had arisen from the muddy flats of the Yangtze, and it might be a matter of pride to him to know that Scotsmen had played a great part—even the greatest part—over and above all other nations in the development and prosperity of this community. (Laughter and prolonged applause.) He believed that what was about the only gathering in which he could make that statement without fear of contradiction of the truth. (Renewed applause.)

The toast was accorded musical honours.

Mr. MacDonald Impressed.

Mr. MacDonald addressed the company as "fellow exiles." He said he had been much impressed by what he had seen of this international city—so much impressed, indeed, that he knew Scotsmen must have had much to do with its creation. Before he came, he had heard people talk much about this famous International Settlement, and now he thought they must have meant a Scottish Settlement. He fully understood that he was talking to the most important citizens of Shanghai, but he thought he must also congratulate them on their singing. If they could do what they had done at 2 p.m., his regret was the greater that he would be unable to stop and hear what they could do at 5.30 on a Saturday morning. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. MacDonald then drew a delightfully intimate word-picture of Scotland, which Scotsmen will understand as really an explanation of the old Scottish toast of "the Bens, and Glens, and the Heroes" though he did not mention that, speaking all the time in a delightfully intimate style.

About Lussiemouth.

Of Lussiemouth, which his father has brought into such prominence, he said that it was famous for many things, but the most famous, and that for which it ought to be most noted, was that MacBeth murdered Duncan about a mile from it. "There was a man named Shakespeare, an ignorant Englishman, who, in his ignorance, reported that incident quite wrongly."

Mr. MacDonald then told what every Scots boy knows of the march of the Murrays under MacBeth and the opposition by Duncan, the historic battle, and the ending "when MacBeth stuck his dirk where it did the most damage."

Scottish History.

"After you go back to Scotland to-day," said Mr. MacDonald, "you have not to go to those stone monuments and ruins which you find everywhere, to find Scottish history, but go to any farmhouse and you will find Scottish history in it." This led to tales of Archie Campbell of Buchan, of whom he said he understood "his son was a policeman out here and was killed in one of your troubles." It led also to the story of the Jew in Aberdeen, of whom it is said that he was found walking about with his breeks over his arm, looking for the "Aberdeen Free Press." And to a more intimate romance, which was foreign to most of his hearers, of one of the massacring band of Campbells who went to the fatal valley of Glencoe, but, before the terrible massacre, fell in love with a MacDonald maiden, married her, and

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Libel Action Sequel.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—May I crave a little space in your valuable columns to announce to the public that the damages of \$1,000.00 awarded to me by the Puisne Judge yesterday afternoon in a libel case against Fung So and Wong Hiu Kwong, Editor and Printer respectively of the vernacular Kwai Tze Daily, is to be contributed to the Tung Wah Hospital (Eastern Branch) through Mr. M. K. Lo.

Yours, etc.,

I. T. FUN.

## THE C.E.R. DISPUTE ANTICLIMAX.

(Continued from Page 1.)

to accept any offer of mediation, said the Minister, adding that he had not yet been informed officially of the report that direct negotiation between China and Russia had already been opened.

It is understood that Baron Shidehara has advised the Minister not to seek the mediation of the League, as the Soviet is not a member.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, Nov. 28.

A Harbin message to the Reago agency says thirteen Soviet planes appeared over Buchatu this afternoon and bombed the Chinese military headquarters.

Later, eight more planes also flew over, but did not bomb the place. It is believed the Soviet's intention is to frighten the Chinese into accepting its terms.—*Reuter.*

Events at Chalanor.

Harbin, Nov. 28.

The Assistant Chief of Police at Chalanor arrived here yesterday, and states that Chalanor was occupied at 11.30 a.m. on November 18, and that approximately 700 people, including 300 miners took refuge in shaft No. 9 and this shaft was closely guarded by Soviet sentries, who shot twelve attempting to escape; and that on November 19 the Soviet garrison commander ordered them all to come to the surface, otherwise they would be shot. The order was complied with, and all Russians having Chinese passports were shot.—*Reuter.*

## INDECENT PICTURES.

SOURCE OF ORIGIN NOT DISCLOSED.

Without divulging the source of origin, Mr. D. Burlingham, Deputy Superintendent of Police, made an application before Mr. W. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for the confiscation of a number of pictures which he produced to his Worship for inspection. Mr. Burlingham mentioned that he was making the application under Section 7, Sub-section 2 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1918 (Indecent Exhibitions Ordinance), which reads "It shall be lawful for a magistrate to order to be forfeited any written or printed matter, or any picture, figure, or other thing, which appears to him to be of an indecent, obscene, revolting or offensive nature."

After inspection of the pictures his Worship asked if there was anybody appearing on the other side to object to the application.

Mr. Burlingham: They were warned that they could appear at 10.45 if they wished to appeal against your decision but they decided not to.

His Worship accordingly made the order.

decamped with her before the dramatic affair.

"We are told we are a very mean race, and that is no true that we do not spend any time in disputing it," was a cheery quip.

"I have got some of the most extraordinary relatives in the land," said Mr. MacDonald, "including nursemaids and hired retainers in the houses of the great. I have one who, by an extraordinary turn of fortune, has been twice Prime Minister, and one who is a station master. And the station master has no more shame of the Prime Minister than the latter has of the station master. The Prime Minister is at least as good a Prime Minister as the station master is a station master. You may say that is not much, but each of them does his job to the best of his ability and there is no nobility about it. It is the quality of finding your place in the world and judging everyone on their merits that is one of the great qualities of the Scottish race."

"That is what has made the race great, has made it spread round the world and make its mark for good wherever the foot of man has trod, and as you are doing in Shanghai. We undertake great tasks and do them well, and we will do so until the end of time."

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